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ABOVE: Angela (right) says that the respite care for Romana at Ty Robin Goch in Barry is like the "light at the end of the tunnel".

PROTEST IS PLANNED AS MOTHER PLEADS:

'Don't cut our respite care!'

by TIM CHAPMAN

A young mother, whose autistic daughter attends a Barry respite centre, says she is "angry, and fearful of the future" after the centre was forced to cut the number of nights it can care for people.

Angela Thomas (35) looks after Romana, aged 12, on her own, and the nights that the Ty Robin Goch centre step in to give her a break are a Godsend.

She explained: "Romana has severely autistic behavioural problems. She has a lack of understanding, no speech, and is frustrated if she does not understand what is going on.

"I look after her myself, with no other family support – my mother is unable to help because she has had cancer and has on-going health problems."

It means that Angela, a woman with a degree and the ambition of becoming a qualified teacher, has to fit in training and study around Romana's attendance at Ashgrove School in Penarth.

"Life is a strain, and I feel the responsibility 24/7. I am constantly juggling my life to establish a future for us both. It is physically and emotionally draining.

"I have had respite care for Romana at Ty Robin Goch three nights a month. It is like the light at the end of the tunnel.It gives me a breathing space and the opportunity to be myself.

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Court hears how Barry man...

'INTENDED TO SELL OFF STOLEN LEAD'

by AJ SICLUNA

DAMAGE of at least £10,000 was caused to a Barry school when 200kg of lead was stripped from the roof.

Darren Morgan (41) of Barry, admitted stealing a quantity of the lead by finding.

At Cardiff Crown Court, sentence was deferred by Judge Patrick Curran for six months.

Prosecutor David Thomas said that at 1.30am on February 3, police were called to Holton Road Primary School and saw a large amount of lead piled against the wall.

Morgan admitted he was going to sell it but said he didn't take it from the roof.

His counsel, Kevin Seal, said sentence on Morgan had been adjourned in August and probation reports indicated he was making good progress.

He said he had been attending community service. He had also been recovering from burns when he was injured by a gas canister explosion.

"He has demonstrated he can do building work and he possesses a good attitude. He has shown a readiness to co-operate," the judge said.

He told Morgan that if all went well, he could expect a conditional discharge.

Barry young gymnasts have style – and rhythm!

ABOVE: These young gymnasts from Barry YMCA have recently taken part in events in Wales and England.
(TURN TO PAGE 36 TO SEE HOW THEY HAVE FARED)

Tribute to former Mayor

THE secretary of the Vale Labour Party, Chris Elmore, has paid tribute to former Vale Mayor, Coun Bob Wilkinson, who has died in hospital, aged 69.

He said: " Bob was a stalwart of the Labour Party for many years as a committed member, and as a councillor."

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Remembrance Day at Rhoose

I AM pleased to advise readers that the Rhoose Remembrance Day Parade and Service will take place on Sunday, November 14, with the service taking place at the Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose.

It is hoped that the usual local organisations and individuals will support the parade and service, and that they will bring their standards with them.

Serving and retired servicemen are particularly welcome and, as always, will have an area reserved at the front of the hall.

It would be helpful if all the individuals and organisations would make the usual arrangements to muster at Wesley Avenue at 10.30am so that the parade can march at 10.40am.

Those who do not wish to join the parade, can go straight to the community hall.

I am pleased to advise that the Rev David Treharne, Vicar of Porthkerry and Rhoose, will be leading the service.

The Women's Institute (Rhoose branch) have kindly offered to provide light refreshments at the end of the service.

For further information, contact me at home on 01446 710690.

Coun Jeffrey James (Remembrance Day organiser)

World War Two grants available

I WOULD like to remind Second World War veterans and their widows in Wales that they can still apply for a Big Lottery Fund grant to make commemorative trips back to places across the world where they served.

I want to ensure as many people as possible take advantage of the Heroes Return 2 scheme before it closes on January 31, 2011.

Lottery grants of up to £5,500 (depending on the number of people taking part and the destination) are available for travel and accommodation costs for veterans or their widows, along with spouses or carers.

So far, the scheme has been a great success. To date, more than £300,000 has been awarded across Wales, with more than 190 grants made to enable people to go on the commemorative trips.

Veterans have used the grants to return to places such as Italy, France, Greece, Holland, Germany, USA, the Far East and Australia, as well as to make trips within the UK.

Details about the scheme and how to apply, are available by calling 0845 00 00 121 or visiting www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/heroesreturn

John Rose (Acting Wales Director for the Big Lottery Fund)

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'WE ARE NOT NAUGHTY CHILDREN WHO NEED TO BE SCOLDED...'

Council officers, costs, and more 'transparency'

AS a now retired former employee of the Vale Council, it has always been something of a mystery as to why chief officers' salaries are set at such a high level, particularly in a financial climate which sees services on the ground being dismantled and savagely reduced through cuts.

Mr Bryn Evans' letter to The GEM (October 14) quoted figures relating to Mr Maitland Evans' salary and pension, although Mr Maitland Evans disputed these as being incorrect.

Should we know ....I'm not sure ?

Clearly, us 'ordinary folk' must wonder what the true picture is and ask the same question as to value for money, not just about one key post but of all senior officers charged with running council services. As a former member of the social services department, I had first hand experience of staff cuts, unfilled posts and key management positions (director and head of children's services) being left vacant for 12+ months because of financial savings.

Services to children were clearly placed under huge pressure, with high levels of staff sickness and an ever-present concern that children were potentially being placed at risk.

A series of temporary arrangements were put in place, while highly-paid consultants told us what we already knew.

The term 'rearranging deckchairs on the Titanic' became commonly used among fieldwork staff – because of lack of management direction.

It is an ever-worrying prospect that proposed Government cuts will see services stretched that much further, or in some instances withdrawn entirely. If we are thinking about transparency, I find Mr Maitland Evans' defensive response nothing more than I would have expected – and the usual satisfaction surveys and the like being quoted to supposedly take us off the scent.

I personally don't know anybody who took part in that, so it would be interesting to know the actual numbers involved in the survey!

If we, as residents, are to feel confident about how the council is being run, I feel more openness is required. We should be subjected to less of the tokenistic rhetoric which talks of consultation and open dialogue.

One only has to look at the many past letters to the editor of The GEM, to conclude that we residents must inhabit a different universe to many of our elected council officials, particularly when we have the affront to complain or raise issues.

We are not naughty children who need to be scolded, but interested adults who take an interest and care about the Vale, in the hope that it can continue to be a great place in which to live.

Rob Taylor, Barry

Runners pass the 1,000 miles mark

I WOULD like to update GEM readers on the progress made by Scott Jenkins, of Barry Leisure Centre, his brother Rhys, and their friend Rusty Tolliver on their extreme run from Boston to Austin.

Last weekend they completed 1,000 miles - half the total distance they are going to run. The three men are meeting with great kindness from the American people as they run through their country, and many have come out to encourage them, as well as posting messages on their website.

If your readers would like to see photographs of their adventures they can be found on www.2000milerun.com, or the Facebook page of the same name.

So far some blisters and sunburn seem to have been the worst of their troubles.

Donations to their chosen charities - Help For Heroes and the British Heart Foundation for the Jenkins brothers - can also be made by clicking on the link on this website.

All Scott's referral class members at Barry Leisure Centre are proud of him and wish him and Rhys well. We look forward to their return.

Mrs Bramble Coppins, Barry

'Thank you for your support'

MAY I please, through your letters page, extend a very big 'thank you' to Mike and Jackie Poole and patrons of the Blacksmith's Arms pub in Llanmaes, for all their support in helping me to raise money for Cancer Research UK on my recent 10k run in London.

Also, special thanks goes to members of the Llanmaes Social Committee, and the ladies of Cardiff Style Barbershop group.

Between us we raised £88.60. Well done!

Laura McGreevy, Llanmaes

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 11)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
04 Thur	04.16	9.5	16.38	9.8
05 Fri	05.05	9.9	17.27	10.3
06 Sat	05.51	10.2	18.12	10.2
07 Sun	06.29	10.2	18.58	10.1
08 Mon	07.21	10.1	19.39	9.9
09 Tues	08.02	9.8	20.22	9.5
10 Wed	08.41	9.4	21.02	9.0
11 Thur	09.20	8.9	21.39	8.5

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HERO DAD'S THREE CHARITY CHALLENGES PROVIDE FUNDS TOWARDS A CURE FOR HIS SON

THE father of a four-year-old Barry youngster, who almost died due to a diabetic coma, has completed three physical challenges in the last month to raise awareness of the condition.

Gary Mickelsen (33) who lives in Barry with his wife Penny, told The GEM he was anxious to put the charity Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in the spotlight.

Gary, an NHS Network engineer, explained: "My son Danny, who attends Barry Island Primary School, was diagnosed with juvenile (type 1) diabetes just over two years ago, in August 2008.

"His symptoms included excessive thirst, increased appetite yet weight loss, excessive urination and general grumpiness.

"Penny and I went to our GP who sent us straight to the University Hospital of Wales Children's hospital, just as Danny was slipping unconscious in the early stages of a diabetic coma.

"We made it just in time. Any later and we would have been looking at brain damage, if not death.

"At first, the diagnosis was very difficult to deal with. We experienced emotions similar to grief due to the thought of our child facing a lifetime of injections and blood tests, not to mention the possibility of all the diabetic complications, including blindness, kidney failure, nerve damage and heart disease.

ABOVE: My dad the hero!' – Danny with Gary, who displayed his three event medals at 'Cardiff Burn' on October 24.

"The condition is an autoimmune disorder where the immune system attacks healthy pancreatic cells and stops them producing insulin.

"This is not something he will ever grow out of, but the projects supported by JDRF may lead to a cure, if not something as good as a cure.

"Danny now requires multiple finger prick tests every day, two to four insulin injections each day, and often experiences episodes of hypo and hyper-glycaemia."

Gary stressed that although Danny has to be careful about what he eats and when he exercises, he remains healthy and active, due to careful management and the right medication.

"He is now at school full time, attending reception at Barry Island Primary. The staff there are brilliant. Danny loves it."

Gary is keen for people to understand the difference between two types of diabetes.

"There is often confusion in the media regarding the label 'diabetes' and rarely is a distinction made between type 1 and type 2.

"In the case of type 1, nothing can be done to prevent or reverse the progress of the disease, and it usually presents in young people through no fault of their own.

"This is unlike type 2 where lifestyle is often a major factor, and in the early stages, weight loss, giving up smoking, and increasing activity may often halt or even reverse its progress.

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FESTIVE DEMO

BARRY Floral Society holds a Christmas demonstration, 'An Enchanted Season', by Mrs Sue Blanchford of Usk, at St Nicholas Hall, Barry on Tuesday, November 9 at 2.15pm.

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Local coffee morning supports stroke group

THE Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Colin Osborne, recently hosted a charity coffee morning for the Penarth and District Stroke Support Group at the Civic Office, Barry.

The Mayor, pictured having his blood pressure taken by Claire O'Shea. Also pictured is the Mayoress, Mrs Ruby Osborne

Coffee and biscuits were provided by the Mayor and a number of stalls, including cakes, crafts and a raffle helped the fundraising pursuit. More than £500 was raised for the local stroke support group.

Dr Gladys Tinker, president of the stroke support group, gave a short talk on recognising the symptoms of stroke and how to react in an emergency.

She made reference to a promotional leaflet called FAST produced by The Stroke Association which stresses that a stroke is a medical emergency. The leaflets are available to anyone who wishes to receive one.

With high blood pressure the biggest risk factor, there were blood pressure checks by Claire O'Shea, the regional information officer for The Stroke Association.

For further information about the stroke support group in the Penarth/Dinas Powys/Barry area telephone 02920 512105 or The Stroke Association Cardiff office on 02920 524407.

'There will always be hope' says paralysed Tobias (6) with fundraiser days away

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

TICKETS are still available for the fundraising evening at Cafe Continental on Barry Island on behalf of six-year-old Tobias Lunnon.

Tobias, was paralysed in a car accident in the summer, and remains in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, with his mother Fiona at his side.

Tracey Smith, of Steve Nicholls Estate Agents, whose son Joshua was a friend of Tobias at Ysgol Gwaun y Nant in Barry, has led the fundraising efforts.

She said: "On November 13, the fundraising event will start at 8pm and go on until late. If people want to buy tickets at £10, which includes a buffet on the night, they can pop into Steve Nicholls Estate Agents on High Street.

"On the night the band Brother Steve will perform, AJ the DJ at Bro Radio will appear and there's going to be a dance group.

"We are also raising money through raffles and auctions. Twelve of the tables have already been sponsored by companies or individuals at £20 a time.

"I went to give a talk at a college in St Mellons because the students were interested in why we were fundraising. I told them that we'd started off thinking of a DVD player for Tobias, then a lap-top, and when The GEM had got involved things just took off."

Despite the traumatic events of the last three months, Tracey said that Fiona remains strong.

"When I last spoke to Fiona, she was still positive. My son Joshua, who is six, told me 'Can't we make Tobias robot legs, so he can walk?' I told Fiona, and we laughed together.

"Although it is a child speaking, who knows what progress will be made in the next 20 years?"

Despite being so restricted in his movement, Tobias remains as fun-loving as ever.

Fiona told The GEM: "Tobias had a wonderful Halloween. We went to the other wards and did trick or treat, and even went down to the shops, and did trick or treat to get a bat balloon!

"He called out to the nurses that passed his bed 'trick or treat?' and they put sweets in his box – all together he got 102 sweets. He made me count them!

ABOVE: Tobias enjoying Halloween with a bat balloon he received 'trick or treating' at the hospital's shops.

"The nurses have told us that Tobias's bed is the most decorated they have ever seen. His consultant even brought in a treat for him.

"Now he is looking forward to Guy Fawkes night, because he can go up to the tenth floor of the hospital to watch the fireworks out of the window. I think there will be more decorations for his bed space, too."

Physically, Tobias is making progress, although he understands the enormity of what has happened to him.

Fiona said: "He has got up to 50 per cent on the tilt table and he really enjoys it, and has new sheepskin-lined splints for his feet that will be more comfortable.

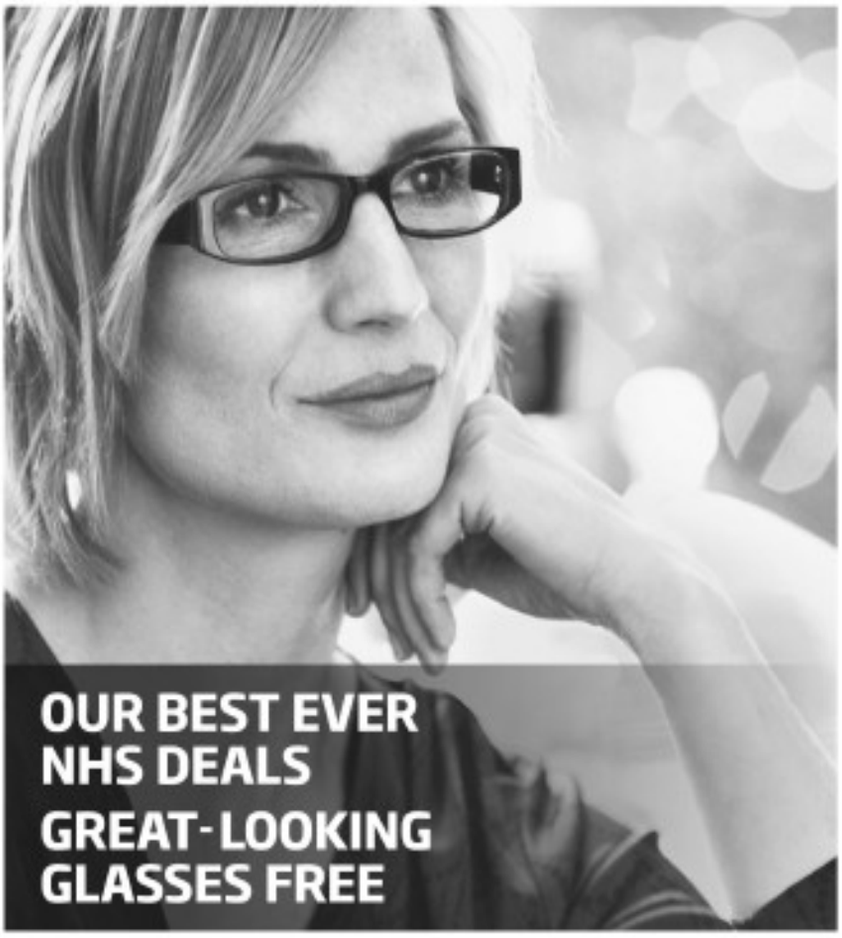
"He will be getting his own wheelchair soon.

"Tobias has amazed all the professionals with his strong personality and character in dealing with his life-changing injuries. He is fully aware of the prognosis and tells me 'there is always hope'. His bravery leaves me in awe.

"We also have a spiritualist healer coming to see us at the hospital which Tobias finds relaxing."

Fiona emphasised that she is "very grateful" to everybody in Barry and the rest of the Vale for their on-going support.

Tickets for the Cafe Continental evening on November 13 can be purchased at Steve Nicholls Estate Agents at 15 High Street, Barry or at Cafe Jazz also in High Street. Cheque donations to the fund should be made payable to Tobias Lunnon.



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Local charity gets funds for work experience scheme

THE Lloyds TSB Foundation for Wales and England has awarded Barry charity, ValePlus, a grant of £16,900 to help people with learning disabilities gain work experience.

ValePlus runs training and education courses, work experience schemes and social events for people with learning disabilities throughout the Vale and Cardiff.

Based in Barry town centre, the charity offers a variety of training sessions, including cookery, independent living, indoor and outdoor gardening, floristry and pottery.

ValePlus also runs a high street shop where people with learning disabilities can carry out work experience.

The charity's two-year grant will help pay the salary of the assistant manager who runs the shop and the work experience scheme.

Melanie Carter is the director at ValePlus, and approached the foundation for funding. She said: "Giving people with learning disabilities the chance to take part in work experience programmes adds to their lifelong learning, and gives them the opportunity to become involved in their community."

Dinas WI gets behind RNLI at a luncheon

DINAS POWYS RNLI was the charity supported by the Dinas Powys WI this year, and a delicious lunch was organised and provided by the committee members for about 70 ladies in the summer.

A total of £670 was raised through tickets, raffle and donations and a cheque was presented to Mrs Diana Balch, the chairman of the Dinas Powys RNLI.

Mrs Balch expressed thanks for this generous donation and for the amounts of £200 received from Dinas Powys Golf Club, and £140 from the ladies' section this year.

The next event in support of the RNLI is a 'breakfast roll' this Saturday, November 6, in the Parish Hall from 8.30am-11.30am.

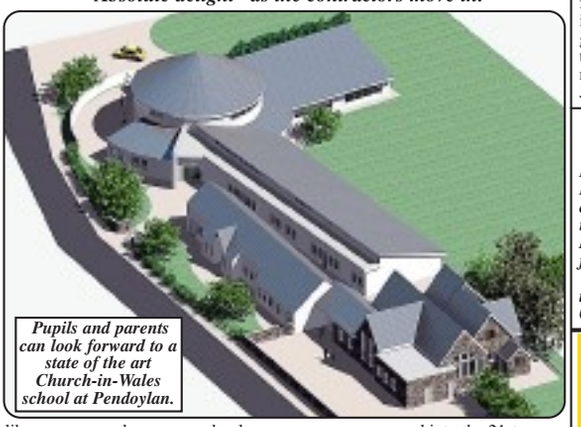
Adults £4, children £2, for orange juice, fruit bread, croissant and jam, together with a bottomless pot of tea of coffee.

There will also be a raffle and stalls selling Christmas cards and jewellery.

21ST CENTURY PROJECT HAS BEGUN

Work has started on Pendoylan's £3.5 million new school building

ABOVE:
"Absolute delight" as the contractors move in.



Pupils and parents can look forward to a state of the art Church-in-Wales school at Pendoylan.

WORK has begun on the new school at Pendoylan – a project promising a "learning environment that encapsulates the 21st Century".

The £3.6million redevelopment will provide better classroom facilities and a bus parking area to ease congestion on the main road.

Recently, the bulldozers moved in and the ceremonial first sod was cut.

The school's headteacher, Mrs Lyn Murray, feels that the new state-of-the-art facilities will enhance the already excellent reputation of the school.

She told The GEM: "I am absolutely delighted that the work has started and this is a very exciting time for Pendoylan School.

"The new building will be a wonderful environment in which the pupils can enrich their knowledge and lifelong skills."

The new building work – the junior block – replaces four temporary buildings which have been in use for 12 years. It will include a brighter, lighter working environment, a library space and computer facilities.

The new off-road 'bus and parking area' will go ahead, thanks to a local farmer who agreed to sell the school part of a field.

The total cost of the school is £3,587,500. The bulk of the funding has come from the Llandaff Diocese and the Welsh Assembly, with the Vale Council contributing £389,000.

Mrs Murray continued: "The new school will also be a great asset to the community. As a Church-in-Wales school, we are very grateful for the support we have received from the diocese, local education authority, community and parents.".

Mrs Jan Rees, the chair of the governors, said: "It is now a very exciting time for us all as we see the building work starting.

"We feel very fortunate, given the present economic climate, that we are able to continue with the re-development of the school.

"This will ensure that our village school is well placed to go forward into the 21st Century."

Judith Petersen, of chartered architects Petersen Williams, who prepared the scheme, said:

"The refurbished school will be physically linked with the infant classroom accommodation, with all classrooms served by a 'street' running between the new and existing buildings.

"The larger hall will be at the heart of the layout, and will provide a new focus for the school and the wider community.."

Mother's care plea

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

"I have been told that the respite has been cut to two days a month – I'm one of the lucky ones, perhaps because I'm a single mother. Some parents have been reduced to one night a month or have had their respite cancelled.

"Other parents have waited for years to get respite and now might not get it. We might also face more cuts next year.

"It makes me angry that they are targeting families who have so much emotional strain, and haven't got the energy to fight back.

"I'm fearful of the future. My hope was that at the age of 18, Romana would be a candidate for some kind of independent living, but it makes me wonder whether there will be the support in place when she becomes an adult."

Angela and other concerned parents are going to hold a demonstration at the Civic Offices at Holton Road on November 25.

She said: "We don't think cuts should be made to the most vulnerable. They should be looking elsewhere. We will be presenting a petition on the day of the protest at the Civic Offices, but will also be taking it to the Independent Commission at the Welsh Assembly."

Gareth Jenkins, the head of children and young people services at the Vale Council, explained: "The Vale Council commissions Action for Children to operate Ty Robin Goch, a residential short breaks service for disabled children and young people.

"Over recent years, there has been increased demand on the service, which has resulted in the need to review packages of support to ensure that all families assessed as requiring the service have an equitable share of the resources that are available.

"In line with national reductions in levels of public spending, social services has been required to make savings in the current financial year, and this has impacted on all service areas – including Ty Robin Goch."

He went on: "The actual reduction at Ty Robin Goch is closure of the service on three weekday evenings/nights during school term time only, for the remainder of this financial year.

"This ensures that the service is fully operational over weekends and throughout school holiday periods.

"Existing service users have all had a reduction in the level of support offered by an average of one night per month."

GARY RAISES AWARENESS WITH THREE TOUGH TESTS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

"JDRF focuses on curing type-1 diabetes. There are more than 25,000 children in the UK with type 1 diabetes."

Determined to do something positive to help JDRF, Gary took on three physical challenges in the space of a few days.

"Originally, I'd only entered the 2010 Cardiff Half Marathon to raise money for JDRF.

"This is an event I first decided to run in 2008, just after Danny was first diagnosed. I wanted to do something positive to raise money for a charity which holds the most promise for a cure for type-1 diabetes.

"Since then, I've made it an annual event. However, this year I saw two more high-profile events advertised locally for October, and thought it would provide a bigger challenge to do all of these events to try to raise more money for JDRF. So, on October 3, I completed the 'Cardiff Survival of the Fittest' – an 11km course, including army assault obstacles.

"The next event, on October 17, was the Cardiff Half Marathon – a 12.9 mile run around Cardiff, starting at Cardiff Bay. Although gruelling, I did manage to clock a personal best time of 1hr 40m.

"Then, on October 24, I took on the 'Cardiff Burn', a tri-athlon style event to be completed in pairs. My event partner, Chris Dodd, and I completed the 10km run, 35km mountain bike race and 3km kayak race in under 3 hrs15mins, finishing 20th.

"This was a tough event for the 102 teams that started, requiring a lot of stamina, but was thoroughly enjoyable due to the combination of the three different activities and varying terrains.

"We would still be very grateful for sponsorship donations for these events," Gary added.

GEM readers can help Gary by visiting www.justgiving.co.uk/mickelsenhalf2010, or by dropping money into the JDRF collection box at Marco's cafe (Barry Island).

More details can be found about JDRF at ***www.jdrf.org.uk.***

STAMPS APPEAL

BON MARCHE in Holton Road, Barry, are collecting used stamps until the end of December to help raise funds for the RNIB.

For full details, contact the store team on 01446 739083

Three immigration 'offenders' seized in Barry take-away raid

THREE immigration offenders from China have been found at a Barry takeaway, following a raid by the UK Border Agency.

Acting on intelligence, officers from the UK Border Agency went to Twin Dragons in Thompson Street on Wednesday evening, October 20.

After the immigration status of staff was checked, the Border Agency officers found that a 19-year-old woman who was serving customers and a 38-year-old man working in the kitchen had no legal right to be employed in the UK.

Officers then carried out a search of accommodation attached to the takeaway and found a third offender – a 20-year-old man who was in the UK illegally.

The woman was arrested and remains in immigration detention, pending her removal from the UK.

The two men were placed on immigration bail and must report weekly to a local police station, while an outstanding immigration application is dealt with and while the UK Border Agency obtains emergency travel documents necessary for deportation.

Twin Dragons was served with a civil penalty notice for the two offenders who were seen working.

If the employer fails to provide evidence that the correct right-to-work checks were carried out on the pair, a fine of up to £20,000 (£10,000 for each worker) will be imposed.

Abigail Corbett, who heads the agency's Cardiff local immigration team, said:

"If people want to live and work in the UK, there are ways they can come here legitimately. If they decide to flout the law, we will find them and remove them from the country.

"We carry out frequent operations across south Wales, and if someone is in the country illegally, we will catch up with them.

"Illegal working has a serious impact on communities, taking jobs from those who are genuinely allowed to work."

SCATS' GRAND OPENING!

ON Saturday, October 30 SCATS Farm and Country staged a grand opening in Bridgend with star guests, the Welsh rugby head coach Warren Gatland and BBC Countryfile's Julia Bradbury. The store is based on Brackla Industrial Estate and supplies products for farmers and rural dwellers. Store manager, Justin Lewis, said: "The day was a great success and it was encouraging so many people came along."

LEFT: SCATS staff prepare for the official opening.

BELOW LEFT: Welsh rugby coach, Warren Gatland was one of the star guests.

BELOW: Julia Bradbury from BBC's Countryfile.

PHOTOS by GLYN EVANS e-mail ffotoimage @tiscali.co.uk

Local boxing coach accused of sexually abusing youngster

CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A YOUNG amateur boxer was sexually abused by his coach, it has been alleged at Cardiff Crown Court .

The alleged victim decided that enough was enough and went to the police, said prosecutor Timothy Evans.

Peter Nicholas Smith (44) of Pyle, has pleaded not guilty to three charges of indecent assault, not guilty to two sexual assaults, and not guilty to one of indecency with a child.

Mr Evans said that Smith, known as Nick, was a coach at Porthcawl Amateur Boxing Club.

In September last year, the alleged victim went to the police and claimed that when younger, he had been abused when Smith was teaching him to box, the court was told.

It is claimed that the first offence took place at Smith's home and the alleged victim remembers crying.

He also says he remembered Smith taking a digital photograph of an indecent act and threatening that if he told anyone he would show them the photograph.

Mr Evans said that on one occasion in Smith's car, the alleged victim hit the defendant and said: "Get the .... off me".

"That has a ring of truth about it," said Mr Evans.

The court heard that on one occasion when he was massaging the youth, he carried out a sexual assault.

"That was the last time anything happened," added Mr Evans.

He said the alleged victim had decided that the best thing to do to resolve the issue was to open up and say what had happened.

Smith was arrested last November and when questioned, replied: "No comment."

The trial continues.

MENCAP EVENT A SUCCESS

A BIG 'thank you' to all those who supported the nearly new sale on October 23 in aid of Barry & District MENCAP.

With help from The GEM, Waitrose, Zenabags (Marie Curie) and all those who donated unwanted items, £370 was raised for this local group.

Your support was greatly appreciated.

Louise, Denise and families

TENDERS FOR GRASS CUTTING & GROUND MAINTENANCE

Persons interested in tendering for a 3-year contract for grass cutting and general maintenance contract for various sites within the WENVOE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA are invited to contact

The Clerk, Wenvoe Community Centre, Old Port Road, Wenvoe CF5 6AN. Telephone 029 2059 1139 between 9am - 12noon, Monday to Thursday

Applicants must have proven experience in landscape maintenance

Applications should arrive no later than 10am on Monday 29th November 2010

PACT meetings

COURT PACT, Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Close, Barry, November 11 at 7.30pm.

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, November 4 at 7pm.

PENDOYLAN Community Council meeting, Pendoylan School, November 11 at 7.45pm.

CRAIG PENLLYN Coffee and Chat, Barley Mow public house, November 17 at 11am.

STANWELL PACT, The Pod, St Luke's Avenue, November 12 at 7pm.

Vale MP's surgeries

VALE MP Alun Cairns will be holding surgeries on Friday, November 5, at the following locations: 1.30pm – 3pm at St Nicholas Church Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, and 4pm – 5.30pm at the Church and Community Hall, Peterston-super-Ely.

Anyone in the Vale is welcome to attend, but surgeries are very busy, and it is advisable to call 01446 403814 to make an appointment.

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HIGH ST TRADERS COME OUT FOR HALLOWEEN!

CUBANANA'S hosted the High Street Traders' Halloween party in Barry on October 28 and provided a colourful backdrop with atmospheric decorations.

The evening was organised by Sharon George of MJM Computers and Tony Hopkins, the traders' chairman.

Funds raised from the evening will go to this year's Christmas lights.

As you can see from Jan Irving's photographs there were a few scary, but strangely familiar faces on show.

PHOTOGRAPHS by JAN IRVING

YOUNGEST COUNCILLOR IS ELECTED YOUTH CHAMPION

THE Youth Champion 2010 for the Vale Council is the council's youngest member, Coun Chris Elmore.

Coun Elmore was elected to represent Barry's Castleland ward in 2008, at the age of just 24. He has worked on several local campaigns, including keeping free bus travel for sixth form students in Vale schools and the campaign for a cinema in Barry.

Coun Elmore went head-to-head with three other Vale councillors – Leader of the council Gordon Kemp, of Rhoose, Coun Steffan Wiliam, Barry, and Coun Gwyn John, of Llantwit Major, in the election for Youth Champion, which was organised as part of Local Democracy Week.

Young people were able to examine the councillors' manifestos on the Swoosh website (www.swoosh.me.uk) before casting their vote.

With nearly 1,000 votes, Chris proved to be the most popular candidate with the young people in the Vale.

Coun Elmore said: "I am really looking forward to the role of representing young people's views on the council and working with them to try and improve the service provided to young people."

Local young people also embraced the evening, on-line 'Question Time' organised during Local Democracy Week.

Cabinet members were on hand each evening to answer questions about issues such as crime, education, transport and the environment, youth facilities and health.

Questions to the councillors included:

● *Why are police allowed to break up my group of friends just for socialising?*

● *Can we have more things for young people to do in Barry e.g. cinema, free gym for under 18s, nightclub for under 18s?*

● *Can we have a more regular bus service and more buses in the evenings? Can young people also have a free bus pass or cheaper tickets?*

NEWS FROM BARRY MEN'S FORUM

Group learn about the area 14,000 years ago!

THE local area as it would have been some 14,000 years ago, was the subject of a talk by Karl-James Langford to members of the Barry Men's Forum.

Cold Knap, Barry Island, Flatholm and Steepholme would have been islands set in flat country with no coast line and no sign of water.

The Barry area would have been sparsely populated with mammoths and other large animals roaming nearby.

The Barry area started to become what it is today about 10,000 years ago when the advancing sea could have been seen in the distance encroaching ever nearer.

The speaker at the next meeting of the Forum on November 4 is Glen Booker who will speak on the 'American Invasion of Barry.'

Meetings are held every Thursday at 10.30am in the hall of the United Reformed Church. New members welcome. For further details, call 02920 594881.

MAC TANNER

Halloween fun at town arts centre

HALLOWEEN was celebrated with a difference at Barry Arts Centre last weekend when a fayre was held to raise funds for the centre in Winston Road, with a wide range of stalls, competitions and fancy dress.

The hall was decorated with a Halloween theme and the event was well supported.

"The Arts Centre would like to thank everyone for their support. For further information about the Arts Centre, please telephone 02920 633217," said spokeswoman Gay Fifield.

Pussycat, pussycat where are you?

IS it just me, or are there others out there who are sick to death of selfish people's cats using their gardens as toilets and hunting grounds for small birds?

I cannot understand how we allowed ourselves to get into this situation. When someone wants to buy a cat, they should be made to hire a 60-seater bus and take all their neighbours down to the pet shop, so they can all choose which cat they want – for they will be looking after it!

Why are cats allowed to enter any garden they wish to defecate, scrub around in the flower beds and spring ambushes on unwary birds who have come to avail themselves of the food kindly left for them on bird tables and feeding stations.?

We hear that between 50 million and 200 million birds are killed by cats each year. It's a wonder there's any left!

I had the misfortune to count seven lots of cat excrement this morning on a piece of my lawn some four metres square. Are the owners going to come and clean it up? Of course not – that's my job.

A new cat on the block has found itself a fantastic ambush position on a fence overlooking the bird table and has obviously reported this to the five other recent additions to the neighbourhood cat population who have been casing the joint recently.

The answer? Cats should by law have to be kept within the curtilage of the owner's property, have a collar with owner's details and, if found on another property, it should be legal to trap it with a hefty fee of say £150 for the owner to retrieve it from the local cat pound.

Just what right do cat owners have to force their cats on other people and their properties?

Why should I, and countless other non-cat owners, have to put up with this?

(Name and address supplied)

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'TIME TO STEP BACK FROM THE ST ATHAN BUSINESS PARK PLAN'

SPEAKING personally, I am very glad, along with many other local people I expect, about the demise of the Metrix proposal.

Notwithstanding what I have just said, the majority of local people opposing the Metrix proposal would, I believe, support the defence college, providing it was contained within the original footprint of MoD St Athan.

The main objection was the compulsory purchase of farmland for the concept of the northern access road and the development of military married quarters.

The Vale is a rural area and as such, should not have farmland taken over for industrial use.

I know the justification given for needing that land was due to the proposed business park at St Athan, and hence insufficient space was left to contain the whole colleg requirements.

I suggest, therefore, that to prevent any major objection in the future, that one of the conditions laid down for the defence college is that any plans must be capable to being implemented within the original footprint of RAF St Athan.

May I also suggest that in the current economic climate that a decision is taken on which has the highest priority, the defence academy or an Aerospace Business Park.

I would suggest that the demand for such a business park, at the current time, is questionable.

In the future, if it is found that there is a requirement for such a business park, then there is ample space on the Cardiff Airport site, which was originally the first choice for the development of the DARA aircraft maintenance hanger, which brings me on to another point.

The new DARA hangar was built to provide maintenance facilities for RAF fighters, namely Tornado, and small commercial jets.

Unfortunately, the commercial interest did not come to fruition, the Tornado fleet had more or less completed their major life, and hence the work that was expected did not materialise.

We are now in a different ball game. The defence review has been undertaken and the outcome is that the Harrier fleet is being taken out of service and the life of the tornado fleet is being extended.

If that is the case, then the Tornado fleet will require major servicing and repair, which was 'the bread and butter work' undertaken by St Athan before the remaining few were transferred back to RAF second line!

It would be interesting to hear what our local MPs have to say on this matter.

Squadron Leader PG Boley, RAF (Ret'd)

Metrix 'not right for St Athan'?

HOW refreshing to read Alun Cairns MP talking straight over St Athan (The GEM, MP's Viewpoint, October 28), taking up several of the arguments put at the public inquiry in January-February.

The inquiry heard of the oversized scale of the plans despite halving of numbers, the likely inability of Metrix to provide flexibility and value for money, the overriding of local concerns, particularly over the environmentally-damaging northern access road, etc.

The Welsh government (WAG) case at the inquiry had to show the CPOs (compulsory purchase orders) were necessary "in the public interest".

No wonder WAG and the MoD were uncomfortable when it was clear then and is obvious now that the Defence College and the Aerospace Business Park were both political decisions.

WAG admitted they had no business plan, nor private sector partner, nor funding for their speculative aerospace plans.

The MoD had no systematic assessment (including the strategic environmental assessment required by law) to show the St Athan choice was preferred for objective reasons, including environmental ones.

Any 'green' claims were undermined because WAG refused to plan a rail station, despite the near-ideal position for the many trainees on short courses.

Alun Cairns reminds us of the National Audit Office criticisms of the MoD for not considering alternatives to PFI, with its risks and inflexibility. They were unable to answer in cross-examination whether the Metrix deal represented value for money.

The new government has decided it does not, despite the Minister's (Nick Harvey, Lib-Dem) reply in the Commons on July 5: *To change course now would undo a great deal of investment and add considerably to the final cost.*

The MoD did claim to have a fall-back plan, if the Metrix option collapsed, but now we know there was none.

Liam Fox announced that "work on the alternative options will begin as soon as possible".

So the Minister was incorrect when he said in July that any change would "add to the cost" and hasn't got on top of his dysfunctional civil servants.

Now we're starting a five-month review of military training, expecting St Athan to still have a role. Decisions could well be politically-based, under such a weak Minister.

At least the new government has ended the Blair-Brown commitment to PFI, which has blighted the modernisation of forces' training and plans for the St Athan base – as well as the whole community – for five years.

Max Wallis (Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth)

Guy Fawkes – a national hero?

I LIVED in Portugal for 10 years and very near to my apartment was the Europa Café, where I had morning coffee every day.

I recall one November 4 swotting up on my Portuguese – I wasn't too bad at the language, but this was a bit specialised!

The proprietor of the café and his wife (Daniel and Conceicao) I knew quite well and I wanted to relate to them the story of Guy Fawkes. They didn't speak English and it took a bit of explaining, but they got the message. Well, I thought they did !

The next morning I saw their daughter Cristina, who spoke excellent English.

She told me, with some amusement, that her parents thought Britain to be a strange country where, annually on November 5, the people celebrated an attempt by Guy Fawkes to blow up the Houses of Parliament!

"He must be a national hero," she said.

What a lovely way to think of it now. After all, how often have you heard that old expression:

"*The only man who ever got into Parliament with the right idea was Guy Fawkes*."

David Cirell, Barry

'Council has responsibility for Llantwit Major beach'

I WAS taken aback by the article on October 28 concerning clearance of boulders at Llantwit Major beach.

As a Llantwit Major resident of only 17 years, I am given to understand that the cause of the problem is not of the making of the present authority. This does not, however, negate their responsibility.

My main concern is Mr Punter's final quoted comment that there are other sandy beaches within the Vale that allow easier access for residents and visitors.

Llantwit Major has just suffered the blow of hearing that the Metrix contract has been cancelled. While there is still hope of a future development at St Athan, it is likely to be on a smaller scale.

Llantwit Major will therefore need to attract business in some other way. The Eisteddfod is coming to Llandow in a couple of years; Llantwit Major must prepare for this and then continue to encourage the resultant growth of visitor numbers that should ensue.

So, for Mr Punter effectively to say *'forget the Llantwit Major beach, go elsewhere'* is a dereliction of the council's responsibility, no matter who caused the problem.

John Moisan (President, Llantwit Major Chamber of Trade and Commerce)

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HAT CHARITY BALL RAISES A HUGE £8,000

THE 2nd annual HAT Foundation charity ball on October 15 at the Copthorne Hotel in Cardiff, was a huge success, attended by 130 guests.

A spokesperson reported that they were treated to a three-course meal and an evening of fine entertainment by the Panto Company, Simon Sparkles, a local magician, and compere Norman Peirera, who donated their services for free.

Auction and raffle prizes were donated by local businesses and friends of the charity, and the event raised a fantastic £8,000.

Special thanks went to Karen Locke, who presented a cheque for £750 on behalf of Barclays Bank. This takes the total donated by Barclays this year to £1500.

The HAT Foundation, a local charity, was launched by Barry businessman Cavan Sullivan of Welsh Window Systems, his wife Deborah and daughter Aimee back in 2005, following the Tsunami in Sri Lanka.

The charity recently became registered and now has five trustees and volunteers.

In a short speech, Cavan focused on one of the main priorities of the charity in the last year, which has been providing fresh running water into Udumulla village, where previously the villagers drew their water from a dirty well.

"We are a small charity and we pride ourselves on ensuring that no money is taken for administrative purposes, all funds raised being spent directly on projects in Sri Lanka."

For further information on the HAT Foundation, visit www.hatfoundation.org.uk, or telephone 01446 749821.

Ward advice surgery

VALE and Barry town Labour councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery this Saturday, November 6 from 10.30am to 12pm in the Drop-In-Centre, 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment necessary. If you need advice, contact Coun Elmore on 07867 506116, or 01446 401595.

LATCH's spooky party!

MORE than 130 children attended the Halloween Party in aid of LATCH.

"Even though it was chaos on the day, the children had a fantastic time and we raised £523.86 for LATCH.

"Thanks to everyone who supported this event. Especially NINA Estate Agents, I Candy & Tesco for Raffle prizes," a spokeswoman said.

Left to right: Alun Cairns MP, Laurence Sutton, Lewis Davies (at the back), Alison Steere, and Michael Walsh.

Vale MP presents awards to Vale volunteers at AGM

VALE Volunteer Bureau (VVB) was praised by Vale MP Alun Cairns who was invited to speak and present awards at their AGM in the Civic Offices, Barry.

He recognised their commitment and hard work in offering information, advice and guidance on all aspects of volunteering to people in the Vale.

Special mention was made of the under-16s' contribution to volunteering with the Star Volunteer Awards – this year won by Michael Walsh and Lawrance Sutton. Mr Cairns also presented awards for the national initiative that recognises volunteering by 16-24 year olds – the Millennium Volunteers.

Local recipients this year were: Rhys Purnall, Phillip Evans, William Beech and Matthew Bachelor.

There was recognition too for the 'Dish Out Dosh' project which has been run for three years, by a youth-led panel of volunteers and provides funding for youth-led groups in the Vale.

This year, they have funded six projects across the Vale.

Panel members include Lewis Davies, Lawrance Sutton, Michael Walsh and William Beech.

Mr Cairns said: "These awards showcase the very best of the commitment of time, energy, effort and support offered by young volunteers from the Vale helping others within their own communities."

Sweet Sasperella so successful

THE fayre recently organised by 'Sweet Sasperella' at St Francis Millennium Centre in Barry, was again voted a huge success.

Despite the weather, visitors flocked to see a varied selection of arts and crafts. The organisers supported the charity Nova/ValePlus and will be continuing their support at two fayres to be held before Christmas.

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Team Wales can build up strong foundations for the construction industry

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM
(Assembly Minister for Business and Budget)

THIS was the theme of my address at the Constructing Excellence in Wales conference last week, promoting the importance of partnership between the public sector and the construction industry in Wales, ever more important for the economic recovery of Wales – at a time of public spending cuts.

The construction industry builds our schools, hospitals, GP medical practices and social housing with Assembly Government funding for these public services in Wales.

If you look round the Vale, you will see public money being spent on new social housing projects such as Jackson's Quay and re-building of schools such as Cowbridge Comprehensive School – a flagship for design and delivery.

Capital investment has always been part of our response to the economic downturn. When we first felt the effects of the credit crunch we accelerated our capital building programme in Wales to act as an economic stimulus.

This was widely welcomed in the private, as well as public, sector.

With the repercussions of that global financial crisis, felt across the construction industry, it was important that we did what we could to maintain jobs and deliver on projects that were in the pipeline.

In June, the new UK Coalition Government published a budget to reduce public spending by £6.6 billion. Our share of that was £183million, including a £49m cut to capital spending in Wales.

We decided not to make that cut to our capital programme, but to find that funding from our 'end of year flexibility funds,' as we believed it was important to maintain our planned programme of investment in hospitals, schools, houses and roads.

We have always said that we would play our part in reducing the budget deficit, but we felt that these cuts, and the cuts unveiled last week in the October budget were too deep and too fast.

This is not helpful to the construction industry, who were well reflected in the slight uplift in economic growth figures last week. The future prospects with the deeper than expected cuts in our capital settlement, are more uncertain.

The 2010 Nobel prize-winning economist LSE's Professor Christopher Pissarides, responded to the Chancellor's statement by saying:

"The Chancellor is taking some avoidable risks with the recovery. The cuts are hitting people and areas that suffered most from the recession. Welfare benefits have much more social value in recession, when jobs are scarce. Capital spending creates jobs in recession."

This is why we need to get all possible value from every pound that we spend from the public purse. To achieve this we must make sure that our procurement opportunities are sufficiently open and accessible so that businesses in Wales can win contracts.

At the conference last week, I said it was incredibly important that we avoid the pitfall of returning to lowest price tendering, which rarely results in best value outcomes.

Good construction procurement can provide so much more than just bricks and mortar.

Whether it is the delivery of a new hospital, school or road, we do have the opportunity to use this investment to work with suppliers and contractors to deliver more with community benefits and social clauses.

Many local people will have used the new Church Village bypass – which is a good example of this, resulting in a significant number of training and employment opportunities and 80 per cent of the sub contract work won by local suppliers.

The housing sector has also developed the 'Can Do' toolkits creating nearly 500 employment and training opportunities in the first year of use.

Local authorities are now working together with the South-East Wales Capital Group progressing procurement arrangements on behalf of 10 authorities (including the Vale of Glamorgan).

We are listening to the construction industry, and taking on board their recommendations to remove barriers to procurement – and work is now being taking forward to address these issues in a Team Wales approach.

The UK Government's spending review resulted in revenue and capital cuts for Wales.

We are now preparing a draft budget, which will be published on November 17 for full scrutiny by the Assembly and our partners.

We must view these challenging times as an opportunity for securing maximum value from our construction industry, to help us deliver our programmes of investment and provide the best facilities in our schools and health service.

That is what the people of Wales want as well, according to the polls.

THE VALE MAYOR HOSTS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

THE Mayor and Mayoress of the Vale, Coun Colin and Mrs Ruby Osborne, were "pleased" to host afternoon tea for members of local organisations in Penarth.

The ladies were given a guided tour of the County Library, Barry, before enjoying tea in the Mayor's Parlour.

Thanking the mayor, Mrs Christine Jenkins said: "I was so impressed with our tour round the building, especially with the facilities at the library."

'The jokes are on us' say Dinas Powys Players!

Some of the cast of Dinas Powys in rehearsal .

DINAS POWYS Players are putting the finishing touches to their new show at the Parish Hall, Britway Road – Derek Benfield's comedy *Beyond a Joke*.

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If you have children, there may be uncertainty about who will look after or provide for them should you die.

Several persons could make a claim on your estate if you have no Will because they may depend upon you financially.

Inheritance Tax issues may arise if not addressed in your Will.

Wills should be kept up to date and renewed upon any change of circumstance, for example, marriage, divorce, separation, upon having a child or upon the death of a loved one.

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Vale Foot Clinic celebrates its first birthday

THE Vale Foot Clinic, situated within Castle Court Dental Practice in Dinas Powys, has celebrated its first birthday.

The clinic is owned and run by podiatrists Jane Jones and Tanya Milton and opened on October 5, 2009.

Jane said opening the clinic was a dream come true: "To get the business started was a very exciting day in our lives and the past year has flown by.

"It's been challenging, but already we have a strong core of customers and each month the business is growing. We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone, including our customers, who have supported us in our first year."

The business has a general clinic that caters for all aspects of general foot care, eg nail care, corns etc, and a musculoskeletal clinic run by musculoskeletal specialist podiatrist Mr Mark Smith.

Despite rapid expansion, Jane and Tanya are not resting on their laurels and have ambitious plans for the future. Tanya explained: "We're passionate about good treatment combining a professional, efficient service with a friendly approach."

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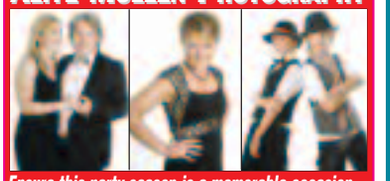
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Spooky fun and games at the Dinas Wolves and Raiders' Halloween Party

THE Dinas Powys Wolves and Raiders held their annual Halloween party at the Murch Community centre on Saturday, when it was a spooky evening of fun for both children and adults!

"A big thank you must go to Jan and Becky for all their hard work in organising the event; also thanks to parents who helped, too many to mention," a spokesperson reported.

Marathon trek (and a musical extravaganza) raise cash for charity

"26.2 MILES is a long way to run, but add some strenuous climbs, waterlogged off-road tracks, rain and a hailstorm, and the road can seem endless," says Jo Hendry, a counsellor with local charity Crossroads Care in the Vale.

ABOVE: Jo Hendry and husband Neil.

On Saturday, October 30, she took part in the Snowdonia Marathon, with 2,000 runners, starting in Llanberis, circling Snowdon and passing through Beddgelert and Waunfawr.

Now in its 28th year, the Snowdonia Marathon attracts runners from across the UK to tackle Europe's toughest marathon course.

Jo was "delighted" to complete the marathon in four hours 55 minutes.

She said: "This is the toughest challenge I have undertaken to date. I felt tired at the halfway mark, but luckily, recovered enough to complete the course in a faster time than I had anticipated. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me during the months of training and all those who have kindly sponsored me."

The week previously, Jo, her father Dennis Dutch and sisters Amanda and Beverley, hosted a successful musical extravaganza in aid of Crossroads Care in the Vale at Dinas Powys Methodist Church.

The crowd were entertained by local brass ensemble the Dinas Ecumenical Seven.

So far, more than £3,400 has been raised for Crossroads Care in the Vale, to help provide support for people with dementia and their carers throughout the Vale.

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VALE AM'S SURGERY

VALE AM Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, November 6, from 10am–12noon at Dinas Powys Parish Hall, Britway Road. No appointment is necessary.

Call the constituency office for further information on 01446 740981.

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Ghostly shipwrecks that have made a tidal barrier on the River Severn

IT seemed most people were put off by the inclement weather forecast, but three ramblers did turn up to meet leaders Janet and John for a trip up to Gloucestershire on a dull morning with a fine drizzle.

They drove through Berkeley, which was first recorded as Berclea – meaning birch-tree wood or clearing and it was here that Edward Jenner was born. He was the famous originator of vaccination and after studying medicine in London, he returned home to be the local doctor, residing at The Chantry, which is now a museum.

Starting from Brookend, the group followed a bridle path for several miles but views across the fields and towards the Vale of Berkeley were obscured by the weather.

However, views across the Severn Estuary were enjoyed before the group reached the small village of Purton and took advantage of the porch of St John's Church, which is close to the canal, to shelter and eat their lunch.

Purton was a well-known port that exported Forest of Dean timber for the Royal Navy and was also a ferry port from 1282, operated by Hamelin the ferryman.

By the 18th century, it became the Purton Passage Ferry and remained operational until the late 19th century, and the stone quay and slipway utilised by the ferry is still in existence on the waterfront.

In 1851, Purton closed as a port because of the construction of the south Wales railway that was built by the great Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

Refreshed, the group joined the canal towpath on the Gloucester to Sharpness canal, which is around 16 miles in length and has 18 bridges, eight of which still have bridgeman's houses, mostly built in the 1840s.

Sharpness Dock outside the Lock House.

When competition came from the railway it was essential to have men to open the bridges at night time so vessels could meet the tide at Sharpness, but most of these dwellings are now privately owned.

At this point in the walk, the canal and the River Severn run side by side with only a few metres separating them, and it is here that the 'Purton Hulks' lie.

For a mile and a half is a stretch of ghostly boat wrecks, 81 vessels in all that were deliberately run aground to form a tidal erosion barrier on the Severn to protect the canal.

The concrete barges and wooden hulks are still visible but are decaying and have been the subject of vandalism, many of the wooden hulls being set on fire.

Further along the canal they saw the remains of the Severn railway bridge that was built to link Lydney with the Gloucester and Berkeley canal, as it was then known, and Sharpness dock.

Coal was brought across from the Forest of Dean to Sharpness where it was transferred to barges and ships.

Unfortunately on October 24, 1960, in thick fog, two tankers – one loaded with oil, the other with petrol, collided with the bridge piers after missing the Sharpness dock entrance and following a huge explosion, five of the eight crew members were killed and the bridge was wrecked.

Continuing along the towpath, where vessels were originally towed by horses, then steam tugs by 1860, they walked across the pontoon and swing bridges at Sharpness dock, which still handles shipments of cement, fertiliser and scrap metal.

At the Lock House, there was a buoy on display labelled Penarth Head, much to their surprise, and after a short stop, they made their way back to the start by way of lane and field just as the weather began to dry up.

On November 7, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10.5-mile mod/hard walk at Cefn Cyff; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

JOY STRANGWARD

WARD ADVICE

LABOUR Vale of Glamorgan and Barry town councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 6, from 10.30am–12pm at the Drop-In Centre, No 3, Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment is necessary.

Contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506116, or 01446 401595.

SCOPE volunteers introduce their campaign to local AMs

ABOVE: Jane Hutt and Gwenda Thomas meet SCOPE volunteers, Pauline, Jean, Heather, Jackie and Lucy and Lyn, the assistant shop manager.

DEPUTY Minister for Social Services, Gwenda Thomas AM joined the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, to visit the Holton Road SCOPE Shop and Sully Skills Day Centre in Barry, which support disabled people, raise funds and campaign for disabled peoples' rights.

They met managers, Jackie and Lyn and their volunteers, and also visited the skills centre to enjoy the 'Halloween celebrations'.

ABOVE: Jane Hutt and Gwenda Thomas at Sully Skills Centre with Willy Guppy and manager Rhian Thomas.

Owen Money talks about life in the eye of fame

THE long-awaited autobiography of popular Welsh musician, comedian and radio and TV presenter, Owen Money, is now in the shops.

Owen, who lives in Porthcawl, has experienced success in many fields, marked by Sony Gold awards for services to radio and an MBE, he speaks forthrightly about his climb up the slippery slope to fame.

He recounts the highs and lows, reveals some long-held secrets and speaks honestly about his health scare in 2006 while he was on holiday in Thailand with friends.

Money Talks is the Welsh Book Council's 'Book of the Month' for October 2010.

The autobiography is published by Y Lolfa and is available from October 1; the book was launched in Porthcawl on October 15.

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Christmas comes early at All Saints Primary School

MEMBERS of the Parents and Friends Association of All Saints Church in Wales Primary School are always thinking up new ways to raise money for the school, which is currently developing the outdoor learning environment.

The latest event was a tabletop sale which gave customers a chance to snap up some early Christmas gift bargains.

There were jewellery stalls, cake stalls, handmade gift and craft stalls and many others.

Some of the pupils were selling their old toys and games to make room for new ones.

Among the refreshments on offer were freshly made crepes by Louis, the French chef.

Headteacher Richard Ware thanked the PFA for another successful event during which everyone had fun and raised around £300 for new equipment.

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Arts Central evening remembers Dylan Thomas contemporary

***ABOVE:** Some of the members relax during the evening.*
***RIGHT:** Professor Tony Curtis.*

EARLIER this month, a convivial and interesting evening was held by Art Central Friends at Art Central , Barry.

Following the formalities of the annual general meeting, members enjoyed a tasty buffet and glass of wine before listening to guest speaker Professor Tony Curtis' eloquent address on the controversial journalist and writer John Tripp.

Professor Curtis explained that John Tripp, a larger than life character and contemporary of Dylan Thomas, enlivened literary life in Wales for nearly 30 years. A selection of John Tripp`s writings from the anthology *The Meaning of Apricot Sponge* were entertainingly read by Professor Curtis, much to the appreciation of the large audience.

Art Central Friends is composed of people concerned that the magnificent Art Central gallery continues to stage events and exhibitions for every person in the Vale.

At the moment, a programme for the forthcoming year is being arranged. Annual membership remains at £10. New members are very welcome to join this sociable group. Further information can be obtained from 01446 400396 or www.artcentralfriends.org.uk **GJ**

LATEST BARRY CAMERA CLUB NEWS

Understanding your camera is of paramount importance

ON Friday, October 29, vice-chair Noel Taylor welcomed Welsh Photographic Federation president, Jennifer Cox, to judge the club's monthly competition.

Before Jennifer got started, she imparted some very useful advice for beginners. She stressed how important it was to fully learn how to operate and control your chosen camera – not to worry about top of the range equipment.

Choosing a subject and considering how it should be lit; eg if landscape, explore what time of year or time of day would be best suited to your subject.

Consider composition and don't worry about Photoshop until you have got the basics straight in your mind.

Be creative with your ideas and always look at photographic books and magazines for inspiration. Learn all you can and practice, practice, practice.

Participation in this month's competition was once again strong with many beginners entering this time around. Such notable images were a stunning night shot of a Dubai hotel taken under a full moon, with colourful light trails leading into the image by Frank Cleland.

Another notable image by Frank was 'Dinner Time', an image of a tractor being followed by many hungry gulls. This was an image running diagonally from bottom left to top right, showing the gulls as they swoop and flutter, after an easy meal left by the farm and its tractor.

Importantly, the monochrome print results were: First place, The Thinker by Hugh Winnan, which portrayed an elderly man sitting on a bench with his shopping bag and gazing into the middle distance. This was an image full of atmosphere and character, which was technically very well executed.

In second place, was Thoughts by Brian Trego; third place went to One Freezing Morning also by Brian Trego. In the colour print category, Sunflower (*above*) by Jamie Archdale-Smith took first place.

This was a wonderfully saturated image of a sunflower, which was pin-sharp, full of detail. A real wow shot, what an impact! Second place went to European Eagle Owl by Steve Durbin. In third place was Rhododendron Carpet by Hugh Winnan.

The projected images category was won by Morgan from Brian Trego. This brilliant red vintage Morgan stood out from the rest of the images in the section. Its treatment suited the vintage status of the subject, making it eye-catching and bold; a real image to remember. The second place went to Brian Trego, again with Last Light. In third place, was Chris by Ceri Ford.

Noel ended the evening by thanking the judge for her constructive critique, which was not an easy task with such a high standard this month. Well done to all entrants.

Barry Camera Club would like to wish good luck to its five members who will be attempting to gain their AWPF qualification on Sunday, November 7.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm-9.30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. New members are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join.

Barbra Archdale-Smith

Chamber choir's tour-de-force

A LARGE audience recently welcomed the John S Davies Singers to St. Peter's Church, Dinas Powys.

This leading chamber choir, under its conductor John S Davies, presented a programme of religious music, concentrating on a capella works ranging from the 18th century to the present day. A truly international flavour was displayed in compositions representing England, France, Germany, Russia, as well as Wales.

The accompanied works such as Faure's *Cantique de Jean Racine* and the concluding *How lovely are Thy dwellings* from Brahms *Requiem* were particularly effective.

Christopher Williams, an accomplished pianist, as well as very ably supporting the choir, performed solo items which were extremely well received.

The variety in the presentation of the choir also added extra interest as, for instance, in the opening Rutter's *God be in my head* and Rachmaninov's *Ave Maria*.

The audience's enthusiastic response showed how much they had enjoyed the whole programme. The choir's recessional drew to a particularly effective end to an evening of great musical quality.

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Candidate says 'slash business rates to help local economy'

TORY Assembly candidate for the Vale, Angela Jones-Evans, has visited small businesses in the area to discuss the Conservatives' pledge to slash business rates.

She claimed it would take 2,426 small business properties in the Vale out of charges altogether, encouraging enterprise and inspiring an entrepreneurial spirit.

Under new proposals announced by the Conservatives, businesses with a rateable value of up to £12,000 would not pay any business rates.

Mrs Jones-Evans said rates would be tapered for small businesses with rateable values between £12,001 and £15,000, reducing bills for a further 163 small firms in the Vale.

She said: "I have been talking to business owners throughout the Vale, from Holton Road to the High Street in Cowbridge, and the message I am receiving is that our proposals to cut business rates would be a big help to small businesses who are working hard to ride out the current economic downturn."

INDECENT IMAGES OF CHILDREN

Former Auditor General is facing a jail sentence

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

THE former £170,000-a-year Auditor General for Wales has appeared at Cardiff Crown Court and admitted possessing indecent images of children.

Jeremy Colman (62) who has a home in Dinas Powys but has recently been living near Peterborough, resigned from his job earlier this year.

He admitted 14 offences in connection with possessing and making pornographic images of children between October 2008 and January 2010.

The number of images involved totalled 182.

He has also admitted a charge of not disclosing a password which would have enabled the police to access information on a USB memory stick.

Judge Nicholas Cooke refused aplication by his barrister Wendy Hewitt to be granted bail and sentence was adjourned until November 19.

Mrs Hewitt asked for Colman to be given conditional bail, as these were his first offences.

She agreed that because of the nature of the offences, custody was almost inevitable but bail, she said, would have given him time "to put his house in order".

The judge expressed concern that when police seized computers at Colman's south Wales home, the hard drives were missing and he had also used a programme on his work computer to delete information from it.

The judge said that if he granted bail, there were concerns that there would be delays before sentencing

LATEST BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

THE latest results from Barrivale are as follows:

Tuesday October 26. In first place were Kay Dyer and Mick Green with 61.81 per cent.

In second were Denis Mottram and Mike Close with 58.33 per cent, and in third were Celia Thomas and Huw Thomas with 57.64 per cent.

Kay and Mick also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information telephone 01446 733425.

Irene Thomas and Noelle Bond, winners of the recent ladies' pairs championship, with the Margaret Calder Cup.

Timely signal arrives at Eastbrook train station!

A REAL-TIME indicator at Eastbrook station, Dinas Powys, the first in the Vale, has been welcomed by Plaid's Assembly candidate Dr Ian Johnson, who had campaigned with local Plaid councillors.

"It is excellent news that Eastbrook finally has a real-time indicator, so that those waiting for trains can see when their service is due. I just hope that they can make sure that it's accurate!

"The next step is to ensure that we have enough carriages to beat overcrowding on the rush hour trains in the morning and evening."

He added that planned work on the Vale line will hopefully further improve the service, as well as ensuring more trains going down towards Rhoose and Llantwit Major.

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BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL WELCOMES NEXT YEAR'S NEW RECRUITS

RECENTLY, Barry Comprehensive School welcomed almost 300 year-6 boys to an action-packed day to introduce them to the school.

The science department took over the school hall with a large scale experiment on transport that featured hovercraft, a hot air balloon and an explosion or two!

There was plenty of opportunity to burn off excess energy with street dancing, lacrosse, basketball, dodgeball and fencing all on offer.

Pupils also had a crash course in making music with African drums, samba, percussion, rock school and an introduction to music technology.

Techniquest were on hand with their amazing inflatable 'StarLab' to give the boys a peek at the universe, while the art department ran sessions constructing gifts for school children in Ghana.

Rounding off the day, every boy received an information pack about the school including a copy of our brand new prospectus and a cool watch so there will be no excuses for being late when they visit us again next year.

"Thanks to everyone involved for contributing to a great day" said a spokesperson.

Entering the StarLab.

The Science Club hot air balloon takes flight.

The pupils practise some African drumming.

ABOVE: Introduction to lacrosse.

'We will remember them...'

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The GEM is donating a minimum of £150 to the Poppy Appeal from the proceeds of this feature

THE LOCAL FOOTBALLERS WHO WE SHOULD REMEMBER ON ARMISTICE DAY

Dr Jonathan Hicks on sports wartime heroes who must not be forgotten

I RECENTLY purchased a book entitled *Fred Keenor – The Man Who Never Gave Up* which tells the story of Cardiff City's FA Cup-winning captain.

Keenor joined the 'Footballers' Battalion' – the 17th Middlesex – in 1915 and saw service at the Battle of the Somme in 1916, where he was wounded twice.

I was struck by a photograph which the author had been told by the family was of Fred in the trenches on the Somme in 1916.

I engaged in a correspondence with the author, James Leighton, as I was certain the photograph was of the Royal Irish Rifles and not of the Middlesex.

James replied with good grace: "This casts doubt on whether it is indeed him but at the very least, the photo gives a flavour of the horrendous conditions that the Footballers' Battalion had to suffer."

And he was right of course. The horrors of trench warfare are almost unimaginable.

A memorial was recently unveiled to the battalion at Longueval, the scene of their fighting on the Somme, the fundraising campaign being led by that former great Cardiff City forward Phil Stant – himself a veteran of the Falklands War in 1982.

It brought to mind the local footballers who also served in the Great War of 1914-18 and, some would argue, its continuation in 1939-45.

A number of Barry men were killed while serving with the 8th Battalion Rifle Brigade on July 30, 1915 at the end of the Second Battle of Ypres.

Around the village of Hooge was a salient jutting into the British line. It was captured by the British who blew a huge mine under the German defences, leaving a crater.

In the early hours of July 30, men of the 8th Bn were holding the area around this crater when the Germans launched a huge attack to win back the lost ground.

A violent artillery barrage was followed by hordes of enemy storm troopers using flamethrowers for the first time.

This 'liquid fire' spurted from the canisters on the backs of carefully-selected troops, creating havoc and forcing the British to withdraw.

One eyewitness was Rifleman Harry Tuxworth of 24 Sydenham Street in Barry, who wrote home to his parents describing the attack: "It started at about three o'clock in the morning when the Germans commenced sending 'liquid fire' at us. We have lost all our officers and my pals have all been killed or wounded."

Another survivor described what happened: "There was a sudden hissing sound and a bright crimson glare over the crater turned the whole scene red.

"As I looked, I saw three or four distinct jets of flame – like a line of powerful fire-hoses spraying fire instead of water – shoot across my fire-trench. There was a terrific explosion and almost immediately afterwards one of my men, with blood running down his face, stumbled into me, coming from the direction of the crater."

The Barry men killed as a result of this action were: Riflemen Harry Bonney, Arthur Edward Gaisford, Thomas Hartrey and Walter Sinfield. A prominent local footballer, Cardiff City were interested in signing Harry 'Titch' Bonney before he enlisted at the start of the War.

One of only two Barry men to win the Distinguished Service Order during the First World War was Major (acting Lieutenant Colonel) Evan Thomas Rees of the 10th Battalion of the South Wales Borderers, who was gazetted in June 1918.

He had won the Military Cross in January 1917 for 'valour while fighting with his regiment in France' while a temporary captain.

An assistant master at Cadoxton School before the war, he was married to an assistant mistress at Hannah Street School and lived at Dovey House, Woodlands Road, Barry Dock.

He was a prominent local footballer and coached the school's football team as well. Rees had enlisted in the Army as a private and after a course of training at Sandringham he was appointed to a commission, obtaining his captaincy and majority in rapid succession.

In December 1917, Rees was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, gazetted to the command of the 7th Battalion Norfolk Regiment and was mentioned by General Haig in his dispatches.

Rees was taken prisoner by the Germans during their spring offensive of 1918. He remains Barry's most highly decorated soldier, having already won the Military Cross.

Major James M Wightman, East Surrey Regiment, who captained the Barry Town football team in the 1913-14 season, died on April l of wounds received in action in France. He was killed by a defective bomb (grenade), which burst prematurely on March 11.

Wightman does not seem to have lived in Barry and is not commemorated on any local memorials. He has the unwelcome distinction of being the first Barry player ever to be sent off when he hit a Newport County player just before the final whistle in February 1914.

Wightman won the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Cross. He was awarded the MC in November 1916. His citation read: "For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led a bombing party with great courage and determination, and repulsed the enemy. He acted as leading thrower, and threw bombs continuously for two hours. He has previously done fine work."

This action took place during the fighting around the Schwaben Redoubt on Thiepval Ridge in September 1916 during the Battle of the Somme.

On the first day of the battle, July 1,1916, the 8th Bn. East Surreys attacked at Montauban, and to encourage the men forward, two footballs were kicked out into no man's land to advance the attack.

Wightman was mentioned in Haig's dispatch of April 7, 1918 and was awarded the DSO in June 1918 for his bravery near Arras during the opening phase of the German Spring Offensive of that year.

Local footballers also gave brave service to their country during the Second World War.

An enormous number of vessels sailed around the coast of Britain and across the Atlantic during the Second World War in order to feed the population and to keep the war effort going.

Hundreds of local men were lost aboard these merchant ships, the victims of u-boat, fighter or surface vessel attacks. Many ships struck mines and sank, some were lost without trace, the weather being an unpredictable enemy.

Albert Briffett was the Third Engineering Officer aboard the *SS Araby* when it hit an acoustic mine in the Thames Estuary two days after Christmas in 1940. He was 28 years of age; he played in goal for the Barry Suburb Football Club and cricket for Barry Athletic Club. He is remembered on the Tower Hill Memorial.

Private James Thomas Hudd of Hywel Crescent in Barry was part of the 2nd (Airborne) Battalion of the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. He had joined the army in 1934 at the age of 15, having convinced the recruiting officer that he was 18.

As a schoolboy he had been chosen to play in goal for Wales against England in the 1932 Schoolboy International held at Jenner Park.

He had served in India for five years, winning no fewer than 12 silver cups for his exploits in football and running. Known as 'Ike', he was married with a son.

The Ox and Bucks Airborne Troops had distinguished themselves just before the D-Day landings when they had captured Pegasus and Horsa Bridges over the Caen Canal and Orne River.

Led by Major John Howard, they had landed right next to their objectives at 12.06 am on June 6, 1944. They were the first allied troops to land in France and within 10 minutes had taken both bridges for the loss of just two men.

The Germans launched several counter-attacks in an attempt to re-take the bridges, without success. Later in the day, the rest of the 2nd Ox and Bucks arrived to relieve the first group.

In early September, the battalion was withdrawn to the UK to refit and reorganise. Of the original 181 men, only 40 remained fit for duty. In December, they were sent back to France to help take part in the defence of the German attack in the Ardennes – the 'Battle of the Bulge'.

On March 24, 1945, James was part of Operation Varsity, the crossing of the Rhine: 1,572 planes towing 1,326 gliders took part in the largest airborne assault in history.

He landed in a glider again but this time the Germans were ready and met the assaulting British troops with ferocious fire, causing hundreds of casualties.

James Hudd was killed, aged 26, during this action and is buried in the Reichswald Forest War Cemetery in Germany.

So if you are watching or playing football this weekend, spare a moment to remember the local footballers who served during the two world wars of the last century, some of whom did not return to play another season.

Dr Jonathan Hicks is the chairman of the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition, a group of local historians who are campaigning for a Heritage Centre to tell the rich history of the Vale of Glamorgan. Visit their website at: www.glamorganheritage.org.

Fred Keenor in a trench – judge for yourself.

Giving of thanks

ON Remembrance Sunday, November 14 at 6pm, a 'Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving for Peace' will be held in the United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge. All are welcome.

St Lawrence Remembrance

ON SUNDAY, November 14 at 3pm, the Friends of St Lawrence, at Lavernock Point, will hold an informal 'Service of Remembrance' at the listed medieval church building on the coast between Sully and Penarth, at the end of Fort Road.

Everyone is welcome at the service which will be led by honorary chaplain to the Friends, the Rev Margaret Stark. The organist will be Mr Stuart Edwards and there is free parking close by. Further details on 02920 701303.

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POPPY APPEAL VETERANS GRAHAM AND BARBARA A WELCOME SIGHT IN BARRY

Graham and Barbara Davies are now collecting for their seventh annual Poppy Day Appeal at Waitrose food store in Barry.

by TIM CHAPMAN

POPPY APPEAL veterans Graham Davies and his wife Barbara are a popular and familiar sight to Waitrose customers in Barry as Remembrance Sunday approaches – but Graham has noticed a change in the spectrum of people giving this year.

He explained: "Due to recent conflicts, we have noticed the younger generation showing more interest. I think this is because many have friends who might be in the Armed Forces, or they have realised that people of a similar age are serving.

"Every year, we manage to collect at least £5,000 – last year we raised £5,300, and although times are tough I'm optimistic we'll get around that figure this year."

Graham (77) did national service with the Royal Artillery in Germany from 1954 - 56, and has been a big supporter of the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal in his latter years.

He pointed out: "The appeal can make a big difference to the lives of service people who need help. We are a charity and are not backed by the government."

Barbara (67) added: "What is so nice is that each year the staff at Waitrose make us feel so welcome – nothing is too much for them when it comes to helping us."

Graham and Barbara arrive at Waitrose at 8am most mornings and have their stand ready for 8.30am – this year's colourful display features poppies alongside the Welsh dragon.

Graham added: "Waitrose does a lot for charities through the year, but we are the only one allowed to do a collection indoors."

Rob Waite, the manager, said: "We're keen to support the Poppy Appeal every year. Graham and Barbara have done six years and this is their seventh year.

"Through the year, we also run our 'Community Matters' scheme which donates £1,000 each month to three local charities. Customers decide how much each charity receives through placing green tokens in transparent containers."

Service will parade through the town

ON SUNDAY, November 14, the Royal British Legion (Barry branch) will be commemorating Armistice Day with a Service of Remembrance at the Barry Memorial Hall Cenotaph at 11am.

The Legion, along with other organisations, will meet at King's Square by 10am, ready to parade through the town centre at 10.30am.

The parade will pause at the Merchant Navy Cenotaph, Civic Offices, to lay wreaths and to remember the fallen.

The parade will then march on to the Cenotaph, Barry Memorial Hall to lay wreaths and crosses.

After the two-minute silence at 11am, there will be a service inside the Memorial Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend and should anyone require any crosses, they can be obtained at the Cenotaph, Memorial Hall.

Also, wreaths can be obtained from Mr Keith Harris on 01446 710901.

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Barry's two-minute silence for Armistice Day event

THE Royal British Legion, with the Vale Council, will be observing the nationwide two-minute silence for Armistice Day, in Barry at 11am on Thursday, November 11.

A short service will take place on the Civic Office forecourt in front of the Merchant Seamen Memorial.

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Colin Osborne, together with the council chief executive, leader of the council and other political leaders and representatives of local organisations, will lay wreaths.

The start and end of the silence will be marked by the playing of the *Last Post* and *Reveille*.

Coun Osborne extends an invitation to members of the public to join him at the ceremony.

Please assemble at the Civic Office forecourt at 10.50am.

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Out and About with The GEM

Macabre black comedy fails to hit the heights

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

ONE of the pre-eminent film directors of the late 1970s and early 1980s, John Landis, has pretty much fallen off the radar as of late.

Renowned for the likes of An American Werewolf in London, Animal House and The Blues Brothers, Landis carved out a successful reputation making entertaining and bankable films.

However, since his last sizeable commercial hit, *Beverly Hills Cop 3,* Landis has retreated from the front line of filmmaking, preferring instead to concentrate on producing work. The lure of standing behind the camera has obviously been too much for Landis, as he takes the reins of the blackly comic tale, *Burke and Hare*.

Based on real life events, the story tells of William Burke (Simon Pegg) and William Hare (Andy Serkis), two men who are struggling to eke out a living in 19th century Scotland.

When they make money delivering the corpse of a tenant to Dr Knox (Tom Wilkinson), they discover there is money to be made in the dead, and soon the pair find themselves resorting to nefarious means to procure the corpses – with the arm of the law not far behind them...

Burke and Hare is a big film, in the sense that it is an opportunity for John Landis to show that he is better than his later works, particularly the absolutely woeful *Blues Brothers 2000*, and is able to recapture the elan that made films such as the aforementioned *Animal House* and *An American Werewolf...* such wonderful pieces of filmmaking.

Sadly, although nowhere near the abomination of *Blues Brothers 2000, Burke and Hare* is a film that compares less than favourably to his high points, and on its own terms is nothing more than a serviceable 90 minutes of cinema.

Landis has always been able to marry with sufficient style broad comedy and horror, his mix of farce with gallows humour providing the template for many a horror film, who enjoys placing its tongue firmly in cheek – so he is hardly stomping on fresh ground with this story.

Given previous tellings of the tale on film have been serious affairs, the approach, with Landis at the helm, is refreshing and different, but sadly the execution of it is lacking.

Behind the camera, Landis lenses 19th century Scotland with a nice eye for detail and shows that his eye for comedic set-pieces, and indeed a few frighteners, hasn't waned.

However, Landis doesn't truly bring the film to life, the muted colours lending an ambience and the camera doing its best to set up jokes – but all that feels a touch perfunctory and lifeless, with none of the director's energy coming through onto the screen.

Of course, he works as well as he can with a script that is very good at delving into the history of the story, but not so good at delivering much in the way of broad humour.

Given that screenwriters Nick Moorcroft and Piers Ashworth have a CV that is littered with cinematic clunkers such as *Goal 3* and *St Trinians*, it is hardly surprising that the humour isn't punchier, the general tone being dark farce that suits the needs of the story but feels a touch too forced at times.

Often the punchlines feel dragged out or don't quite work, while the comedy deriving from the titular pair's actions often loses its dark tone and becomes a bit too farcical.

There are a few clever little touches on show – a nod to *Greyfriar's Bobby* being the most enjoyable, with some nice nods and winks – but it seems to dance around, rather than focus on, the main narrative thrust, resulting in an uneven screenplay.

As the main protagonists, neither Simon Pegg or Andy Serkis seem to really push themselves, but nor do they disgrace themselves, their performances, like the film as a whole, very much mundane and only alighting occasionally. The former brings his likeability to the role, making Burke the more appealing of the two characters, an innocent whose journey to the dark side is tempered by love and the persuasiveness of his partner.

Pegg plays the comedy well, but there is little else to the character, and while the actor is perfectly comfortable, there is little substance.

The same can be said of Andy Serkis, whose turn is funny yet with a hint of horror in his eyes. Again, much like Pegg, his turn is fine yet doesn't strike the heights, and the actor seems occasionally ill at ease with the more farcical moments of comedy – though it is a pleasure to see him on the screen as himself, rather than as a CGI creation.

Alongside the main two, Isla Fisher is competent but less than sparkling as the woman who takes Burke's heart, the actress not being given full opportunity to show her comedic skills,.while the rest of the cast make for a 'who's who' of cinematic and small screen talent.

The likes of Jessica Hynes, Tom Wilkinson, Ronnie Corbett, Tim Curry and Christopher Lee all pop up in a variety of guises with varying degress of success and screentime.

Even Michael Winner, a man who as a director makes for a very good insurance salesman, pops up in perhaps the most peculiar cameo in recent memory – a sign of John Landis' ability to procure talent (and Michael Winner).

However, for all the talent on screen, and behind the camera, ultimately *Burke and Hare* falls a little flat, no doubt trying to follow the template for its studio's, Ealing, finest successes, such as *Kind Hearts and Coronets* and *The Ladykillers*, comedies that had an undertow of menace in them.

It'll certainly while away 90 minutes of your life and you won't come out bemoaning that you've sat through it, but neither will you pay it much mind once you step foot outside of the cinema.

Whether this is the first part of the John Landis big screen comeback remains to be seen, but he'll need stronger material than this if he wants to reclaim his place at the Hollywood table.

VERDICT – While a pleasure to see John Landis behind a camera again, the end result is that *Burke and Hare* doesn't quite hit the spot.

Its mix of black humour with just a hint of horror is a nice take on a well-worn story,

However, poor scripting fails to add much life to proceedings.

While the likes of Simon Pegg and Andy Serkis give it a go, they can't quite make it work. *AVERAGE.*

Cultural passage to India in Vale

ANOTHER landmark event will take place in the Porthceri Centre on November 9 at 8pm, when the former Porthkerry Road Methodist Church will be the venue for an event where Wales meets the Indian subcontinent.

Voices of Partition: a Musical Journey will be performed by award-winning folk group Sild, poet and playwright Mazhar Tirmazi and the Sangat chorus from Barry and the Vale.

The evening will include folk song from Wales and the Punjab, extracts from the play Lifetime on Tiptoes by Mazhar Tirmazi, and a specially-commissioned poem by Menna Elfyn.

The production has backing from the Arts Council and is supported by the Vale Council.

Tickets at the door price £7 (£6).Visit www.porthceri.co.uk for more details.

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There will also be a lucky dip and prize draw.

Admission free to children who can receive a present from Santa in his grotto for just £1. Admission for adults 50p.

Dinas history society meets

THE Dinas Powys Local History Society holds its next meeting on Tuesday, November 9 in the Kynance Church Hall, Dinas Powys Common, at 7.30pm.

Mr Alan Jennings will give the talk and show slides on 'Experiences as a Bevin Boy'.

All are welcome to attend, an administrative charge will be made at the door to cover running expenses.

For further information, contact Betty Williams, secretary, on 029 2051 3524.

Farming voice

LOCAL farmers will be able to give their views on Hybu Cig Cymru's – Meat Promotion Wales' levy increase proposals at Glamorgan's NFU Cymru annual meeting on Tuesday, November 9 at 7.30pm in St Mary Hill golf Club, Pencoed.

*A representative from HCC will answer any questions and also in attendance will be NFU Cymru presid*ent Ed Bailey.

Table top sale

THERE will be a table top sale in Peterston-super-Ely Church and Community Hall on Saturday, November 13, 10am-12noon.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

To book a table and for further details, contact Pat on 01446 760267. Tables are £5.

This is in addition to the usual village market, selling homemade cakes, preserves, produce, plants and a very extensive collection of books.

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Church bazaar

THE parish of St Helen's Church, Barry, will be holding its annual bazaar on November 13 at the Barry Memorial Hall. Doors open at 1.30pm and admission is 50p.

The bazaar will be based on the traditional stalls, and traditional quality, as well as games.

There will also be a visit from Mrs Christmas for the children.

Millennium Hall fayre

THe Barry committee of Action Medical Research (current campaign for Children for Life) is holding a Christmas fayre at the Millennium Hall, Porthkerry, Barry, on Saturday, November 13 from 2pm-4pm.

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Christmas market and craft fair

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The Sleeping Beauty

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The Sleeping Beauty is an all-time classic, one that the whole family can enjoy at that festive time of year.

For information, telephone 01446 400055.

Councillors' surgery

COUNCILLORS Jeffrey James and Gordon Kemp are holding one of their regular advice surgeries on Saturday, November 6, at the Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose, from 10am to 12 noon.

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Gala sporting night for Ty Hafan family!

WELSH sporting internationals have been busy selecting their outfits for the forthcoming glamour-themed 'Howells Gala Night' being held in the store on Tuesday, November 9, starting at 6.30pm.

Lee Byrne, along with Sara Hale and Suzy Drane from the Welsh netball team, will be among celebrities from the world of sport and media who will be mingling and chatting with shoppers set to benefit from a 10 per cent discount on most goods purchased in the perfumery, accessories, ladies and menswear departments during the evening.

As in previous years, Ty Hafan, the family hospice for young lives at Sully, will benefit from the evening, this year expecting to reach the grand total of £100,000 since the event was first held 15 years ago.

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NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Get to know the short cuts around your computer!

WORKING unnecessarily hard on your computer? For most people the answer is 'yes' because we've ceased learning. For example, do we make sufficient use of shortcuts?

As the name implies, they shorten the routes to the destinations sought, whether programmes, folders or files. They save time and effort:, the effort being the number of keystrokes or mouse clicks and work for your memory.

Best practice is to have only shortcuts on your desktop. That way you are less likely accidentally to delete a programme or a file. A shortcut icon is identified by a small arrow at its bottom left corner. (This doesn't apply to system shortcuts such as recycle bin, my computer and a few others, but they are nevertheless shortcuts.)

To put an application shortcut icon on the desktop, navigate to the application (start/all programs) right-click on the application icon and select create shortcut from the short drop-down menu that appears. A shortcut should appear on the desktop.

If instead a second icon appears at the end of the list, it is because the original icon is itself a shortcut. In that case, the second shortcut can be dragged and dropped onto the desktop.

Alternatively, hold down the control key and drag and drop the programme icon onto the desktop. The control key is needed in this instance to convert what would have been a 'move' operation to 'copy' one and the icon will be copied to the desktop.

To use a file, it is not necessary to start an application in order to ask for the file to be opened (and then have to navigate to the file).

Instead use, say, Windows Explorer, to browse to the file and double-click on the filename. Windows will recognise the type of file and automatically fire up the appropriate application and open the file ready for use.

This facility is even more useful if you intend working on a file over several sessions. Put a shortcut on the desktop. Navigate to the file using Windows Explorer; right click on the filename and select 'create shortcut'. A shortcut will appear. Drag and drop it onto the desktop.

Now to open the file, simply double click the shortcut. Windows will open the application and load the file as above. When the shortcut is no longer needed, simply drag and drop it into the recycling bin.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, November 9, at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth at 7.30pm for 8pm. Chris will talk about home networks for those with more than one computer. Visitors are welcome. For more information telephone Howard on 02920 708439.

HOWARD DESMOND

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH PENDOYLAN Nos.16, 23 & 41, WELSH ST DONATS Nos. 25 AND 63)

(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2010

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall proceed on foot in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location **Pendoylan No's 23, 41, Welsh St Donat's No's 25, and 63** throughout their lengths

Pendoylan No.16 from its junction where it meets the road at grid 303744 extending through Hensol Forest in a northeasterly direction to where it meets Cwm Farm at grid 304217 176864.

Alt. Route **Pendoylan No's 23, 41, Welsh St Donat's 25, and 63** shall be via the adjacent public roads, that extend to the southeast, and northwest of Hensol Forrest

Pendoylan No.16 shall be via the public road that runs to the northwest of this footpath.

Reason To ensure public safety, and minimise the likelihood of spreading the infection known as "Phytopthora Ramorum", when felling and removing the infected trees from the area.

Duration From 15th November 2010, for a maximum period of six months or completion of works, whichever is sooner.

Signing: Appropriate temporary signing will indicate the alternative routes.

Dated this 4th day of November 2010

M. Punter,
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

BARRY PUPILS RAISE BLACK HISTORY AWARENESS IN VALE

LEFT: The cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, Coun Tony Hampton, takes in some of the children's work.

AN exhibition of local schoolchildren's work has gone on display at Barry Library to launch 'Black History Month'.

Produced last year by year-6 pupils from St Helen's Junior School (now year-7 students at St Richard Gwyn Comprehensive) the work addresses the subject of '*Uncomfortable Truths*' and aims to promote a respect for diversity.

Lead professional for English as an additional language, Martine Coles, said: "The school already follows the 'International Primary Curriculum' and so it seemed a natural extension to pilot '*Uncomfortable Truths*', the study of the traces of the transatlantic slave trade.

"Pupils and school staff also received training from the Victoria and Albert Museum on the subject."

The Ethnic Minority Achievement Service worked with the school and nominated young people to pass on what they learnt to teachers and children in different schools.

Barry Reservists take part in Swiss shooting competitions

ABOVE (centre): The organiser of the event, Specialist Officer Captain Fabian Coulot, of the Swiss army.

ABOVE: Leading Hand Bill Palmer (left) and Leading Hand Steve Drew.

TWO ratings from *HMS Cambria*, Leading Hands Bill Palmer and Steve Drew, attended the 6th International St Barbara shooting competition in Liestal, Switzerland recently.

The event is open to military and police reservists from all European countries and there were 179 competitors from 11 countries taking part.

A good day's shooting was had by all, with Bill and Steve obtaining respectable scores, finishing mid-table.

Bill said: "We made friends with many of the other competitors; so much so that invites were received to go to shoots in Hungary and Germany next year and also to return to next year's shoot in Switzerland.

"The involvement of the RNR at the event was sponsored by the United Kingdom Reserve Forces Association, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their help and support."

Local duo tackle Great Wall to help children's charity

JANE CLARKE from Barry and Davina Morgan from Penarth (*pictured right*) have just returned from trekking on the Great Wall of China to raise funds for Save the Children.

A year ago, the two friends decided to join an open challenge event organised by Classic Tours to raise funds for the charity.

Thet self-funded their expedition so all money raised went directly to the charity. Together, they have raised more than £5,000 and would like to thank their friends and families who supported them throughout the year.

They said: "Special thanks go to Penarth Ladies Circle for their generous sponsorship, the Penarth Athletic Club, particularly the mini and junior rugby section, and Broad St Garden Centre, Barry."

During the year, Davina and Jane organised a shopping trip to Bath, while friends organised a curry night and a summer luncheon.

Cardiff Circle dance group held a fundraising evening and many of their friends held coffee mornings.

The highlight of their fundraising was a recital of Faure's *Requiem* at Canolfan Porthceri, Barry, organised and conducted by Dot Connell. A delightful evening was enjoyed by a very appreciative audience and raised nearly £900.

They also thank colleagues at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Barry, for their support and encouragement.

The two intrepid trekkers can be sponsored by donating through their Justgiving page,www.justgiving.com/Davina-Morgan or www.justgiving.com/janeclarke5.

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THE GLAMORGAN HUNT'S FIRST MEETING

THE Glamorgan Hunt opening meet of the season was held at Fonmon Castle.

"About 60 well-turned out riders of all ages enjoyed a busy day in glorious sunshine," a spokesperson reorted.

Photographs by Heather March

The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre
(Telephone: 01656 725219)

Meet Speckle, a cracking companion!

THIS WEEK: A spokeswoman writes: Speckle is a one-year-old Lurcher, a cracking young dog, who has the potential to be a very rewarding companion.

He needs someone who can continue with his training and socialising. He would like to be rehomed with another, well-adjusted dog who can keep him company.

Speckle loves lots of exercise, especially his off-lead runs, and will enjoy attending a training class, where he can improve his manners. He can live with older children, aged 11 and up. He will be a wonderful companion for the right owner!

Speckle.

If you are interested in adopting Speckle, visit the Dogs Trust at Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend; open Tuesday-Sunday 12pm-4pm. There are other lovely dogs waiting for homes, who you can also see on the website, www.dogstrust.org.uk

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
DEDDF CYNLLUNIO (ADEILADAU RHESTREDIG AC ARDALOEDD CADWRAETH) 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i geisiadau gael eu gwneud i'r Cyngor am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer y datblygiadau canlynol:

Development in Conservation Areas
Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01111/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed single storey garden room extension
Location:/Lleoliad: Lower Farm Cottage, Rhoose
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Rhoose

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01115/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: New shop front and restoration of existing shop front
Location:/Lleoliad: Washington Buildings, Stanwell Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01116/ADV
Proposal:/Cynnig: New shop front and restoration of existing shop front
Location:/Lleoliad: Washington Buildings, Stanwell Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Listed Building Consent
Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01109/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed single storey garden room extension
Location:/Lleoliad: Lower Farm Cottage, Rhoose
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01100/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Redevelopment of an existing conservatory adjoining Sant y Nyll House
Location:/Lleoliad: Sant y Nyll House, St. Brides Super Ely
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Conservation Area Consent
Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01127/CAC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Replacement dwelling and landscape works
Location:/Lleoliad: Heathcliffe, Clive Crescent, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF
(TREFN DATBLYGIAD CYFFREDINOL) 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest
Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00901/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Reserved Matters submission in accordance with planning permission 2009/00500/OUT for a proposed Defence Technical College (DTC), in respect of Zone 7 (Picketston North) incorporating matters including: - Buildings (MT Workshop; Grounds Maintenance; Waste Compound; Command Task Area Storage; Outdoor Firing Range; Respirator Testing Facility); Access; Parking Facilities; Landscaping; and Sustainability
Location:/Lleoliad: Defence Technical College : Zone 7 Picketston North, MOD St Athan

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00929/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Reserved Matters submission in accordance with planning permission 2009/00500/OUT for a proposed Defence Technical College (DTC), in respect of Zone 2 (The Mall) incorporating matters including buildings, access, parking facilities, landscaping and sustainability.
Location:/Lleoliad: Defence Technical College : Zone 2 (The Mall), MOD St Athan

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01098/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: 4 no. commercial units with self contained parking. 1 unit to be used as office and vehicle maintenance centre for A2B taxis, and three units for B1, B2 and B8 uses.
Location:/Lleoliad: 3A, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/01119/RG3
Proposal:/Cynnig: Demolition and rebuilding of Cadoxton House and use as a Community Advice Centre
Location:/Lleoliad: Cadoxton House, Victoria Park Road, Barry

Departure from the Provision of the Development Plan
Ceisiadau nad ydynt yn cydymffurfio â Darpariaeth y Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00099/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of four residential dwellings with on-site parking
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Bendrick Road, Barry

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk
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Dated: 4 November, 2010
Rob Thomas
Head of Planning and Transportation
The Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Dock Office,
Barry Docks,
Barry
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Dyddiedig: 4 Tachwedd, 2010
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Farmers get together for chat and hog roast!

LOCAL farmers are again being invited to 'mix business with pleasure' at an event in the Bridgend Countrywide store on November 24.

"Our Farmer Events are always really well attended," said Kath Blaney, store manager

."It's a fantastic opportunity for farmers to get together with friends and neighbours, enjoy some hospitality and take advantage of some great offers in store.

"Countrywide will be offering 10 per cent off all products (exclusions apply*).

"We're planning a hog roast as well as other attractions, plus a prize draw to win £1,000 worth of Batemans livestock equipment.

"For me, it's a chance to say a pre-Christmas thank you to our farming customers and the wider agricultural community for their support and loyalty."

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet key rural suppliers and experts from the Countrywide team.

"Farmer Events really do represent what Countrywide is all about," said retail director, Garry Wharmby

. "Events like this, where the rural community can come off farm, meet in a social environment and relax, are a welcome and worthwhile opportunity."

During the event on November 24, the store will be extending its opening hours from 8.30am until 9pm.

The pig roast will be served from 6pm.

PROSPECTIVE PUPILS GIVE BRYN HAFREN THE ONCE-OVER AT THE OPEN EVENING

PHOTOGRAPHS
by **IAN DIXON**

PROSPECTIVE pupils (and their parents) took the opportunity to have a good look around Bryn Hafren Comprensive School on its recent open evening.

The pupils, all year-6 in local primary schools, together with their parents or guardians, were shown around by senior sixth formers.

On the tour, they were able to observe a wide range of activities in the drama studio, fitness suite, beauty salon and food technology unit – among others.

The visitors were given refreshments, including Welsh cakes cooked by year-7 and year-8 pupils.

A school spokeswoman told The GEM: "Parents commented on the high standard of the facilities – several of which are new or recently updated."

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29 Cwrt y Cadno, Llantwit Major - £525 pcm
2 bed mid link.
6 Yew Tree Close, Barry - £525 pcm
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11 Hollyrood Close, Barry - £550pcm
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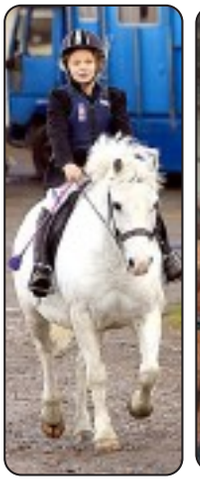
Equestrian centre helps young riders hone their skills for 2011 competitions

TALYGARN Equestrian Centre recently gave young show jumpers a chance to keep on refining their skills, even though the summer open air season is over.

The young riders were able to experience a competitive environment at a team show jumping event, which was well attended.



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13th South Wales Regional Schools cross-country championships for boys Trelai Park, Cardiff

Boys from the borough excel at meeting

Report: PETE MORRIS
Pictures: IAN DIXON

FOUR boys from Bridgend county borough claimed individual medals at the 13th South Wales Regional schools' cross-country championships, held in dry but windy conditions at Cardiff's Trelai Park last week.

The opening race of the day, the u15 section for years 9 and 10, turned into a head to head between year-10 James Hunt (Brynteg) and Lewis Jones (Maesteg, year 9). After 16 thrilling minutes, it was the experience of Hunt which tipped the balance as he came home first by six seconds from silver medallist Jones.

Because the number of competitors taking part in the second race – the under-13 for years 7 and 8 – are usually the biggest of the three races, medals are awarded to the first eight finishers. This year, there were 255 finishers, and year-8 Danyaal Mohamed (Bryntirion) was the top placed Bridgend county pupil, finishing seventh.

With the 2009 champion, Alex Edwards (Lewis School, year-13), unable to defend his title because of a hand injury, the senior race – for pupils in years 11 to 14 – proved to be almost a training run for Morgan Davies.

The Porthcawl year-12 pupil has made impressive progress in the last 12 months since he finished second to Edwards at this event.

At Welsh Schools' level, he won the u17 national cross-country and the u17 3000 metres, and has competed at the Aviva SIAB cross-country and track and field internationals, and at the Virgin Mini London Marathon. At this event, he had a gun-to-tape victory, finishing clear of a number of talented boys.

If the individual medal haul was encouraging, the situation in the team competitions was dire, with only Porthcawl, St Clare's and YG Llangynwyd completing teams.

The sum total of boys representing Brynteg, Bryntirion and Maesteg was seven, while there were no entries from Archbishop McGrath, Cynffig, Ogmore, Pencoed or Ynysawdre. Given that there are representative opportunities at Glamorgan Valleys Schools and South Wales regional levels, plus international honours to be gained at Welsh Schools' levels, it seems that a significant number of Bridgend county borough schools have little or no interest in providing their pupils with the opportunities available at cross-country.

The next major schools' cross-country fixture is the South Wales Regional Schools cross-country championships for girls, which was held at Trelai Park on the first Tuesday after half-term, November 2.

The last major schools' event of the term is the 34th Welsh Schools Inter Schools championships, which will be held at Brecon on Saturday, November 20.

Results of Bridgend County Borough boys: Senior Boys - 5,790m – 71 finishers: 1 Morgan Davies Porthcawl 19:32; 39 Daniel Glen Bryntirion 25:01; 50 Jack Couch Porthcawl 25:48; dnf Tom Davis Porthcawl.

Morgan Davies (Porthcawl, 692) winner of the senior boys' race.

Under-15 Boys – 4,700m – 187 finishers: 1 James Hunt Brynteg 16:24; 2 Lewis Jones Maesteg 16:30; 6 Morgan Thomas Porthcawl 16:53; 32 Ben Jones YG Llangynwyd; 35 Jacob David Porthcawl; 41 Owen Leary Porthcawl; 54 Dan Smith Porthcawl; 61 Daniel Cornish YG Llangynwyd; 84 Tom Allen Porthcawl; 86 Jake Jones Porthcawl; 87 Ethan Newberry Porthcawl 20:50; 91 Lewis Courtney Porthcawl; 115 Patrick O'Toole Brynteg ; 116 Jamie Verran Brynteg ; 119 Alex Knight YG Llangynwyd; 122 Tom Hibbert-Jones Porthcawl; 133 Jobe Owens Porthcawl; 136 Keiland Phinnemore Porthcawl; 139 Gerwyn John YG Llangynwyd; 140 Tom Rees Porthcawl; 150 Jack Power Porthcawl; 155 Rowan Davies YG Llangynwyd; 173 Iwan Jones YG Llangynwyd; 183 Owen Watkins YG Llangynwyd; 184 Evan Wilks YG Llangynwyd; 185 Tomos Hopkin YG Llangynwyd; 186 Tyler Richards YG Llangynwyd.

Teams – A Teams: 5 Porthcawl 136; 15 YG Llangynwyd 351.

B Teams – 6 Porthcawl B 348; 11 Porthcawl C 531; 15 YG Llangynwyd B 695.

Under-13 Boys – 3,050m – 255 finishers: 7 Danyaal Mohamed Bryntirion 11:38; 49 Robert Davis Porthcawl; 66 Ben Cannon Porthcawl; 84 Connor Gillingham Porthcawl; 104 Charlie Jones St Clare's; 112 Connor Tantum Porthcawl; 134 Sam Jones St Clare's; 142 Caleb Denyer Porthcawl; 153 Keiran White Porthcawl; 162 Dafydd Foster-Davies YG Llangynwyd; 199 Lloyd Walker YG Llangynwyd; 203 Matthew Dang Porthcawl; 214 Garwyn Williams YG Llangynwyd; 219 Sam Mahoney St Clare's; 222 Joseph Divetta Porthcawl; 224 George Williams St Clare's; 227 Adam Jenkins Porthcawl; 228 Oscar Kinder St Clare's; 231 Joe Cornish YG Llangynwyd; 232 Jac Ketcher YG Llangynwyd; 233 Declan Hughes YG Llangynwyd; 239 Dharmit Patel St Clare's; 240 Oliver Woodall Porthcawl; 241 Tom Watkins St Clare's; 244 Dafydd Chappel YG Llangynwyd; 251 Nathan Isaac YG Llangynwyd.

Teams – A Teams: 12 Porthcawl 311; 18 YG Llangynwyd 553; 21 St Clare's 680.

B teams – 22 Porthcawl B 720; 27 YG Llangynwyd B 910.

Lewis Jones (Maesteg, 381), Jack Gooch (Radyr, 481) and eventual winner James Hunt (Brynteg) head the under-15 boys race.

Danyaal Mohamend (Bryntirion, 297) finished seventh in the under-13 race.

Matthew Edwards (Barry Comprehensive) and Mike Ward (Llanishen) contest third place in the senior boys' race.

In the year-7 race, Jay Munn (Cowbridge) and Alex Languish (Stanwell) battle it out for 13th place.

COWBRIDGE MINI AND JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

DOWLAIS VICTIMS OF RAMPANT UNDER-11s

Under-11s v Dowlais (Away) Blues Cup

COWBRIDGE began their defence of the Blues Cup with an away trip to Dowlais.

The conditions were extremely tricky with persistent rain and a gusting wind for the boys to contend with.

Max Lucas took the first of several strikes against the head and the ball was moved swiftly through the back line for Bevan Howells to ghost past the opposition and record the opening score.

From the restart, Cowbridge quickly regained possession and after good work from Jac Roberts, Jake Griffiths, Cameron Roy and Sam Corkill, Ioan Lewis rifled a pass to Rhys Bradshaw, who fed Bevan for the second.

Further good recycling from William Davies and Max Cunnington saw Rhys Bradshaw add the next try.

Cowbridge were too powerful for their opponents and Jake Griffiths set up the next score after a superb tackle and recycle by the forwards.

The ball passed through the entire back line before Bevan Howells dotted down.

Bevan then added the next after a superb sole effort.

Ioan Lewis gathered the ball before drawing the defence and releasing Evan Williams to score in the corner, then Bevan Howells added his fifth try before the referee blew for half time.

For the second half a few boys changed positions, but the scores continued to come.

Rhys Bradshaw added the next after great work from Max Cunnington, Rhys Davies and Jac Roberts, and following a superb passage of play, Tom Coates was on hand to touch down for the next score.

Evan Williams then beat his man with a blistering turn of pace to end proceedings five minutes into the second half with the 50 point rule in operation.

Final score, Dowlais 0, Cowbridge 50.

Many thanks to all at Dowlais for their warm welcome and hospitality after the game. Thanks to all the Cowbridge parents for your continued support, and congratulations to all the boys, who played fairly fault-free rugby in extremely difficult conditions.

Full squad; Bevan Howells, Cameron Roy, Evan Williams, Ioan Lewis, Jac Roberts, Jake Griffiths, Max Cunnington, Max Lucas, Rhys Bradshaw, Rhys Davies, Sam Corkill, Tom Coates, William Davies.

Under-12s Pentyrch (home)

PENTYRCH began the game with greater urgency than the home side, using their bigger forwards to batter their way up the middle of the field before releasing their backs and putting immediate pressure on Cowbridge.

Cowbridge defended with great courage, with Duncan Ace and Matthew Keating making countless tackles to stem the continual Pentyrch attacks.

With support from Charlie Martin, James Waters and Harrison Stevens, the home team began to grow in confidence and eventually Cowbridge began to take a grip on the game.

A clever offload from Mike Thomas allowed right wing Seán Davies to open the scoring for the home side, with Cai Evans converting.

Scrum half Osian John was controlling the game from the base of the scrum and it came as no surprise when, just before half time, left wing Toff Patel doubled the score with an excellent try in the corner to leave Cowbridge with a hard-fought lead of 12 points to nil.

The second half saw the Cowbridge forwards exerting far more pressure on their opponents, with Tom Edwards, Joe Watts and Tomas Evans-Williams getting over the gain line and securing more possession for their quicker backs.

Seán Davies gathered the ball on the half way and outran the chasing defenders for the third try which was converted by Cai Evans.

A brief lapse of concentration allowed Pentyrch to gain possession near their opponent's line but a try saving tackle by Duncan Ace, who was outstanding throughout the game, prevented the visitors from scoring.

A number of changes halfway through the second half saw Josh Evans, Sam John, Ollie Rampling and Charles Archer join the fray, each player contributing to the continued dominance of the Cowbridge XV.

A fourth try by Rhys Beynon, who was putting in some excellent tackles on the larger forwards, was again converted by outside half Cai Evans, whose distribution throughout the game was superb.

A fine break by James Holder allowed Toff Patel to round off the scoring with his second try to leave Cowbridge comfortable winners by 31 points to nil and they remain unbeaten at home.

Under 13's Glamorgan Wanderers, Blues Cup

COWBRIDGE under-13s were defeated finalists in last year's Blues Cup and were determined to start this year's campaign strongly with an away visit to Glamorgan Wanderers.

The Wanderers very kindly allowed the match to be played on the First XV pitch which was a great bonus for the boys.

Cowbridge scored almost immediately from the kick-off with Rian Thomas taking a difficult ball on the left wing to power through several tackles for the first try, which was ably converted by Matt Harper.

The Cowbridge pack were in dominant form which provided the backs with lots of ball directed at scrum half by captain Tom Lucas.

The second try was run in by Tom Trotman and again converted by Matt Harper.

The Cowbridge team were rampant and within five minutes, Tom Trotman had gone over again from a long range effort with Matt Harper again making the conversion to give a 21 point lead.

New boy Nathan Robson kept up his rich run of form by crashing over for a try and Tom Trotman went over for his hat-trick to give a 33–0 half-time lead.

The Wanderers stepped up their game in the second half, but the Cowbridge front five of George Thomas, Tom Evans, Owain Thomas Jenkins, Jac Davies and Frazz McGann kept their forwards tied up at all times.

The Cowbridge backs again showed their strength with additional tries by Tom Trotman and Nathan Robson before the try of the match was scored.

The Cowbridge team were defending manfully on their own line and managed to win the ball, with Jac Davies popping the ball to Joe Traherne, who sprinted sixty metres through the Wanderers defence to offload the ball in a last gasp tackle to Nathan Robson, who went over for his hat-trick of tries.

Matt Harper kept up an excellent kicking performance with the conversion. At this stage the score had exceeded 50 points and under competition rules the game had to stop.

Many thanks to Glamorgan Wanderers for their hospitality. Cowbridge now progress to the next round with a home tie against Treorchy.

Squad: Cai Thomas Jenkins, Owain Thomas Jenkins, Tom Lucas, Josh Brace, George Thomas, Tom Evans, Jac Davies, Luke John, Frazz McGann, Nathan Robson, Ashford Thomas, Gabe Newham, Matt Harper, Hywel Williams, Tom Trotman, Rian Thomas, Joe Traherne, Miles Davies, Liam Sloane, Aled Evans, Tom Whitehouse and Olly Brown.

ML

Llantwit Reserves claim bragging rights with win

LLANTWIT got back to winning ways by outclassing local rivals Cowbridge at the Bear Field in front of a bumper crowd.

As you would expect with a local derby, the game started off at a ferocious pace, with hard but fair challenges being made all over the small tight pitch.

Llantwit were taking the game to their opponents in the opening exchanges, but lacked the killer instinct to trouble the scoresheet. Then, against the run of play, Cowbridge took a fortuitous lead after Owen Morris hacked the ball into his own goal while trying to deal with an unthreatening Cowbridge through ball.

The goal lifted the Cowbridge support, who were soon cheering again when a long ball caught the Llantwit defence off guard and the Town striker ran through on goal to put the home team two goals up with a good finish.

Llantwit switched their formation around and this paid dividends as the away team created several good chances, the best of which fell to Tom Mawhinney, who just failed to hit the target with an acrobatic diving header.

Craig Bright linked well down the left flank with Thomas to force a corner, which was whipped in expertly by James Hartley and Mawhinney swivelled on a sixpence to slot home Llantwit's much deserved first goal.

The visitors were rewarded with the equaliser just before the interval.

The pace and movement of Dom White was too much for the weak Cowbridge rearguard as he burst down the right wing and delivered a pin point cross onto the head of Hartley, who rose to power the ball into the net.

COWBRIDGE TOWN	**2**
LLANTWIT MAJOR RESERVES	**4**

With the scores level at half-time, Llantwit sensed that the game was there for the taking.

The visitors started the second half with a high intensity, and their good play was rewarded on the hour mark.

Joel Preece centred the ball which fell to the feet of player/manager Phil Grafton, and the veteran midfielder made no mistake, rifling the ball into the roof of the net to give the visitors the upper hand.

The game was over as a contest when Grafton notched his second, and Llantwit's fourth, with a skilful dribble through the Cowbridge defence followed by an emphatic finish.

With the game in the bag, Llantwit allowed themselves to be dragged into the home team's histrionics and the game developed into a scrappy affair.

Cowbridge did rally as the game was drawing to a close and had a couple of efforts, but Llantwit 'keeper Luke Vincent was unbeatable with a string of fine saves.

The home team were then awarded a penalty with five minutes remaining as Vincent was adjudged to have fouled the Cowbridge striker.

Vincent saved the resulting spot kick, which would have flattered the home team's goal tally.

A mention must go to the Llantwit back four of Morris, Tracey, Grahame and Thomas, who dealt with the constant long balls that the home team were intent on playing; also Luke Vincent for an all round solid display and an excellent penalty save.

Man of the match was awarded to Phil Grafton for his no-nonsense tough tackling performance, capped off by two fine goals.

Llantwit team: L Vincent, O Morris, J Grahame, L Tracey (captain), J Thomas, J Preece, P Grafton, J Hartley, C Bright, T Mawhinney, D White. Subs: R Grapes, J Fairchild, J Lansdown, D Lansdown, G Jennings.

DC

Karate fighters enjoy success in championships held in China

LEFT: Rising-Sun Kyokushin karate club competing in Shanghai.

ON SUNDAY, October 26, three participants of the Rising-Sun Kyokushin karate club competed in the China Open Kyokushin full contact championships held in Shanghai.

Courtenay Taylor, Spencer Bennett and Lee Bennett took part in the international tournament that was aired on TV the following day.

The members of the Rising-Sun Club were interviewed and made to feel welcome by the Chinese people over the eventful week throughout the visit.

First on was Sensei Lee against a bigger, heavier Chinese opponent.

Lee moved around and used his skills by hitting and moving to fend off the opponent, catching him with his famous axe kick and almost downing him. Halfway through,he overpowered him with a flurry of punches, gaining the unanimous decision at the end of the match.

Lee's other two opponents in the semi and final matches turned out very similar. He dominated the bouts, taking the decision in the first round in the semis. In the finals, a decision was made after a gruelling three-round battle and Lee came out victorious after being the lighter fighter by a few kilos at the end of the match, giving him the decision and crowning him champion of China.

Courtenay Taylor fought courageously against a world champion opponent.

At first, Courtenay dominated the match with her speciality middle kick, yet she retired after a minute due to an injury sustained in training prior to the event.

It was Courtenay's first match abroad, yet she made the club proud by getting up on the world stage and giving it a good shot!

Spencer Bennett also won his category by taking the decision and dominating all three of his opponents. Spencer, only a few weeks ago, competed for the cup of Europe in the K2 arena in London, and took a respectable third after just missing out on a win.

In China he didn't give any of his opponents a chance to gain any kind of advantage and a new international champion was made!

Lee, Spencer and Courtenay wish to thank all family and friends for their support for this event and hope that they can continue to push forward with the same attitude for the Kyokushin Commonwealth championships next year, which will be held in Australia.

The club members train at the Samurai Centre, 109 Broad Street, Savoy Buildings, Barry. If anybody would like to train for a first free lesson, contact Lee on 07861699476. You can also turn up on Monday nights, 6–7pm for juniors (age 8-16), and 7–8pm for seniors (16-plus).

Visit the club's website, rising-sun-kyokushin.co.uk or the Rising-Sun facebook site for more news and information.

LB

Cowbridge under-12A lay down their marker

COWBRIDGE under-12A faced title contenders Holton Road.

The pitch was in superb condition with a beautiful playing surface that suited the style of the free passing Cowbridge side.

It was an unchanged starting line-up and formation for Cowbridge from last week, apart from Josh Peterson filling in for the missing Bainbridge Glover at right back, and Peterson did a sterling job.

David Bear continued his form up front with a good early strike that put Cowbridge 1-0 up.

Cowbridge could have secured a couple more in the first half to settle the game, but the Holton Road 'keeper was in fine form.

At the other end, Cowbridge 'keeper Tuckwell had little to do, as between the Cowbridge back four, and centre midfield, they controlled the game; but when Tuckwell was called on he was as solid as a rock, as well as offering great distribution to his team mates.

Early into the second half Bear struck again to make it 2-0 and from there on Cowbridge were in full control of the game, playing very fluent football.

Luke Jeffries was on fire but special performances came from the recently paired centre halves, Duncan Ace and Tom Williams, who were superb, defending and rebuilding play to their team mates; they constantly thwarted any Holton Road attacks.

Holton Road pulled a late goal back with a great strike from a corner but Cowbridge never looked like losing this game.

The game finished with a 2-1 victory to Cowbridge and now they need to push on, with tough fixtures coming thick and fast. In this current form, they should be able to compete with whatever is put in front of them.

SD

80 drivers race in autumn sunshine

THE penultimate round of Llandow Kart Club's summer championship, and the third and final encounter of the inaugural Dragon Challenge, attracted both 80 drivers and late October sunshine to south Wales, and the quality of the racing stepped up accordingly.

The Bambino class again got things under way, with four drivers on track in pursuit of 'victory'. This month it was the turn of Jake Fenlon to star, topping the times in each of the three preliminary outings and then claiming the 'final' by three seconds from Jake Bagley, with September winner George Alp-Williams completing the podium.

Cadet Honda numbers grew again, this time with 15 entries registered, but it appeared that little was going to stop Ari White from repeating his September success after he swept the three heats.

Max Wieteska, however, had run White close in two of those, and he refused to follow the script in the final, hounding the early leader before slipping past on lap six of 10.

Just 0.13secs split the pair at the line, mirroring the 0.13 and 0.08secs margins in White's favour from races one and three, but the runner-up had done enough to be crowned Dragon Challenge champion.

With Harry Williams away at PFI, the Comer Cadet appeared more open than ever, but one driver still dominated. Scott Morris, who had finished second in September's controversial final, went one better this time around, winning all three heats and then cruising to a three second victory in the final. Tylor Ballard finished second, ahead of Oliver Graham, but it was not enough to deny Morris the Dragon Challenge title.

Honda Junior entries were boosted by the appearance of novice Monty Gorridge, but remained the preserve of season-long rivals Jamie Warren, Lloyd Sealy and Alex Thomas, who battled over the podium places in each race.

Despite the competition, however, the result of each was the same as Warren boosted his title hopes. Sealy, meanwhile, finished second on the road in every outing, enough to clinch the Dragon Challenge crown.

An impressive 15 karts took to the track in Junior Rotax, but Joshua Collings was still the man to beat as he took two wins and a second in the three heats. The driver to beat him in heat two, Macaulay Austin, lined up on the front row of the grid for the final and the tension was clear to see as the clerk of the course red-flagged proceedings in an effort to calm things down.

Once underway, however, the race again belonged to Collings, who wrapped up the Dragon Challenge title with a six-second victory. Austin, meanwhile, retained second spot, but came under pressure from third-placed Ben Johnson.

Collings was also out in Junior TKM 2-Stroke, and provided Sebastian Hutchinson with some of his closest competition. Hutchinson again won the opening heat, but Collings took the second, before one of two 4-Stroke runners, Andrew Davies, topped race three. Hutchinson, running second on the road, was top 2-Stroke runner, however, and started at the front of the field in the final, where he denied Collings a double victory by 1.7secs.

Will Shaw capped a strong weekend by finishing third on the road and in class, while Alex Forward's fourth place was enough to claim Dragon Challenge honours.

Davies, meanwhile, struggled in the final, allowing sole 4-Stroke rival Ryan Jones to claim both class honours and the Dragon Challenge title.

In common with Junior Honda, Minimax had a four-kart field and produced four identical results, as Morgan Rose again dominated proceedings to claim the Dragon Challenge trophy. Runner-up in September, James Williams, had a disappointing day as he battled with Ben Davies and had to give best every time.

The pair came together in the final, but Williams showed what might have been by battling back from a very distant fourth to finish on his rival's tail. Rob Ellis was fourth.

Now Guernsey exiled, Ferdinand Ball returned to Llandow as promised, and was rewarded for his efforts by claiming victory in heat one. Although he then had to give best to Welsh champion Simon Evans in the remaining qualifying races, Ball bounced back when it mattered, taking full advantage of Evans' lap one DNF to take victory and the Dragon Challenge crown.

Evans' demise promoted Paul Saunders to second and Steve Griffiths to third, ahead of novice Stuart Davies, who had claimed third on heat one following another Evans DNF.

A 16-strong Senior Rotax field again provided a fine spectacle to round out the day and, amid some controversy, saw a change on top of the podium. The heat wins were split between Liam Revell, Chris Davis and Dan Jones, but Davis' strong form in each race secured him pole for the final. He led Revell early on, but Jones was on a charge, and his rise through the pack eventually led to a coming together on lap five which sidelined the leader.

Jones continued out front, but could not shake Revell and, when he was penalised five places for the contact with Davis, the heat one winner was promoted to victory. Ashley Davies and Matthew Dowers completed the top three, while Craig Mooney and Dilip Singh, who could both boast top three finishes in the heats, rounded out the top five. Jones' penalty, however, did little to prevent him becoming the inaugural Dragon Challenge winner.

Wayne Stone finally had some competition in the Max 177 category, and was beaten on this occasion by Simon Wheeler, while John Watson – one of four welcome visitors from Guernsey – filled the class podium.

Results: BAMBINO: 1. Max Fenlon 2. Jake Bagley (Tony) 3. George Alp-Williams (CRG); CADET HONDA: 1. Max Wieteska (Zip) 2. Ari White (Project One); 3. Yousuf Ashraf (Project One); CADET COMER: 1. Scott Morris (Zip); 2. Tylor Ballard (Zip); 3. Oliver Graham (Zip); JUNIOR HONDA: 1. Jamie Warren (Wright); 2. Lloyd Sealy (MS); 3. Alex Thomas (Jade); JUNIOR TKM 2-STROKE: 1. Sebastian Hutchinson (Intrepid); 2. Joshua Collings (CRG); 3. William Shaw; JUNIOR TKM 4-STROKE: 1. Ryan Jones (CRG); 2. Andrew Davies (Jade); JUNIOR ROTAX: 1. Josh Collings (CRG); 2. Macaulay Austin (Exprit); 3. Ben Johnson (Tonykart); MINI MAX: 1. Morgan Rose (Tonykart); 2. Ben Davies (Gillard); 3. James Williams (Tonykart); SENIOR HONDA: 1. Ferdinand Ball (MS); 2. Paul Saunders (7Kart); 3. Steve Griffiths (MS); SENIOR ROTAX: 1. Liam Revell (Tonykart); 2. Ashley Davies (Intrepid); 3. Matthew Dowers (Tonykart); ROTAX 177: 1. Simon Wheeler (Tonykart); 2. Wayne Stone (Tonykart); 3. John Watson (CRG).

CRAIG LLEWELLYN

The Barry under-8s maintain good form

BARRY RFC under-8's stretched their unbeaten run for the season with a five star performance against Llandaff North on Sunday.

The home side showed that the extra hour in bed did them the world of good.

Barry ran the ball strongly throughout the game and allowed them little time and space when they had the ball in hand.

Barry showed pace, power and aggression as they ran out worthy winners 9–6, with tries from Iestyn Escott, Zac Fifield (2), Jack Couch, Cole Saunders (2), Dafydd Parry-Griffiths (3).

In the second game Barry introduced some new players and again showed the pace that is running throughout the under-8s section.

They may not have won but every player put in a solid team performance in a closely contested encounter.

Tries for Barry came from Seb Fahiya (3) and Connor Denbury.

Well done all, great rugby again.

LS

Under-15s work hard against opponents

BARRY under-15s played away against Llandaff North on Sunday.

It was a thrilling and exciting match, and the first try came within minutes of the start as Thomas Adams, with a run down the left wing, kicked over the opposition to catch his own ball and plant the try in the corner.

Llandaff came back later in the first half to score a couple of tries, breaking through Barry's defence.

The second try for Barry came when Rhys Burnett stormed through Llandaff's defence to score an excellent try which was then converted by Theo Richards.

In the second half, Barry came back with two more tries, from Adams and Jack Legg, assisted by Jacob Burgess, who burst through the centre of the field for Jack to put it under the posts.

Unfortunately, a couple of tries were disallowed for Barry, which allowed Llandaff to go ahead and eventually win the match 37-22.

It was great effort by both teams who provided the crowd with a good match to watch.

TA

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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Cowbridge's Bryn lands Nottingham winner with Edge!

EVERGREEN Cowbridge trainer Bryn Palling had plenty to smile about after his filly *Sharpened Edge* landed the Exclusive Networks Proudly Partners Network Instruments Handicap at Nottingham last week.

Partnered by promising Welsh jockey David Probert, the filly, who had to have surgery on her knee, ran on gamely to win by a neck from *Whiskey Junction* with *Milton Of Campsie* a head away in third place.

Bryn, who earlier this year celebrated his 80th birthday, said of the 14–1 outsider: "She's a good filly, but she had to have bits of bone in her knee taken out. At the end of her races last year she was running off to the left or right, so we had a vet look at her. We've had her back and rested her and she's fine now. We might run her on the all-weather tracks if we can't find another race for her on the turf."

Kenfig Hill's Rhys Flint rode a cracker of a race to win the John Smith's Hurdle for the second year running at Wetherby last Saturday on the Philip Hobbs trained *Fair Along*.

In the first two throughout the three miles and one furlong marathon, *Fair Along*, a 6–1 chance, held off the challenge of *Kayf Aramis*, who was in receipt of 8lbs, by a length.

Rhys, who has been tipped for the top by the legendary champion jockey A P McCoy, said: "I've been waiting all summer to ride this horse. He has a bit of a quirk, but he tries his little heart out and you can't ask for more than that. He only gets as high as he needs to over hurdles, but I was confident turning into the straight as I knew he would be a difficult horse to pass. He's one of the best jumpers I have ridden over hurdles, and is the horse that really got my career going."

Meanwhile, earlier in the week at Stratford, Rhys' younger brother Tom looked like riding his first winner in the selling hurdle for conditional jockeys when jumping the last on *No To Trident* with a 15 lengths lead.

Unfortunately it was not to be as the five-year-old clipped the obstacle, sending horse and rider slithering to the turf.

However, one thing that seems certain is that Tom, who was having just his seventh ride under rules, will soon be visiting the winners' enclosure.

No To Trident is trained by Tom's father, John Flint, who has quietly been making a name for himself since taking out a trainers' licence.

The horse was certainly well fancied being backed from 11–2 to 3–1.

Llancarfan's Evan Williams was happy with the way his *Deep Purple* ran in the Wetherby Charlie Hall Chase won by *Nacarat,* even though the horse failed to win the race for the second year running.

He said: "He made a mistake down the back straight and got shuffled back, and then the 10lb penalty he had kicked in a bit, and in the end he was only beaten six lengths."

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Sully let game slip away from them

SULLY SPORTS B V INTER PENARTH

A DEPLETED Sully Sports B took on Inter Penarth at home in a Division 2 clash.

With several key players missing through injury, especially in defence, preparation was far from perfect and Sully had a difficult game ahead of them against an Inter Penarth side who have a started the season well.

With a bare 11, the Sully side practically picked itself.

The conditions were great and the game started at a high pace with Inter having the best chances following a number of early corners ,but were unable to convert any.

Sully slowly started to get into the game and created a few half chances themselves.

A good passage of play resulted in Spencer playing a one-two with Hulland and found himself through on goal and bent his shot, only to see it come back off the bar.

The first half came to an end with both teams unable to break the deadlock.

The second half got underway and it was Inter who again started strong, having a lot of joy down the right giving Graham a hard time at left back.

An early overhead kick from Spencer was Sully's best early chance.

With 15 minutes to go, Inter's holding midfielder picked the ball up just inside the Sully half, drove on unchallenged, and from 25 yards let go a tame shot which looked to give Ben no trouble.

A horrible bobble right in front of him saw the ball spin up and lop into the open net.

Almost immediately from kick off, Sully were awarded a corner.

A save by the Inter keeper could only push the ball to Hulland who, under pressure, put the ball in the back of the net to level the scores with 10 minutes to play.

The Inter right midfielder then passed the challenge of Graham and found himself through on goal. A last ditch challenge brought down the player in the box to give them a penalty, which was well put away into the bottom right.

Good work down the right by Joe saw a switch in play and found Jaime, who split the defence with a pin-point through ball for Hulland to meet, but he could not adjust his feet and made no contact.

With only minutes to go, Inter wrapped up the game when the Inter sub hit a speculative shot from 25 yards that looped over and beat Ben.

A couple of final minute half chances for Miles, Spencer and Hulland saw the referee bring the game to a disappointing end for Sully.

Sully need to strengthen the squad in several areas and are only two or three players away from being the finished team.

Sully entertain Park Vets this week which will be another tough game.

JL

Dockers B grab vital points against Wenvoe

AFTER previous good results from both teams this fixture had all the makings of an exciting match… and it didn't disappoint.

A slick move from defence to attack earned the Dockers first blood with Tony side footing the ball into the back of the net.

Dockers tried to keep it tight, but a mis-communication between players left the referee reducing the home side to 10 men and awarding Wenvoe with a penalty, which was subsequently missed.

A quick reshuffle was made by the Dockers to accommodate their loss and they were ready to try and hang on to their slender lead.

A quick free kick caught the opposition on the back foot and all of a sudden the home team's lead was doubled. Shortly after, Dockers were awarded another free kick from virtually an identical spot, and it found its way, somewhat fortuitously, into the back of the net to make it 3-0.

Wenvoe in the meantime were making their own chances but the Dockers defence were able to keep them at bay.

Another excellent passing move by the Dockers ended with the second penalty of the game being awarded, which was dispatched for the home side's fourth of the game.

At this point, the half-time whistle was welcomed by both sides.

Wenvoe strung some excellent passes together at the start of the second half which released one of their front men to score and give them the hope they needed.

They managed to get their second of the game to make it 4-2, and their tails were definitely up.

The Dockers managed to turn defence in attack and clinched their fifth, and Tony's second, with a breakaway goal to give them a three-goal cushion once again.

Wenvoe scored a third, but Tony claimed his hat-trick, and the Dockers sixth of the game.

A well-worked routine then ended with Tony putting the ball in the back of the net for his well earned fourth. The final whistle was blown to conclude a 7-3 victory for the Dockers.

JH

New Urdd sports clubs in the Vale

CHILDREN in the Vale will be able to join new sports clubs being organised through the medium of Welsh at leisure centres and sports halls.

Run by the Urdd, gymnastics, tag-rugby and football clubs for boys and girls will run for six weeks from the start of November. Children from both Welsh and English language schools are welcome to attend, but a knowledge of the Welsh language is obviously beneficial.

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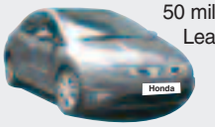
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Barry YMCA rhythmic gymnasts are making a mark in competitions

RHYTHMIC gymnasts from Barry YMCA are enjoying a run of success, which started in Bath in an open competition with gymnasts from Wales and England.

Gymnasts competed across four different levels, including qualification to British grades finals, and 'elite' for gymnasts of British Championship level.

In the fundamentals category, Sophie Pemberton competed in the under-12 age group. Sophie, who is new to competition, performed both free and ball routines and did very well for her first event.

The club had champions in the novice section, with Chloe Johns taking the under-12 title and Ffion Byrne winning the junior.

Numerous other medals were awarded and a special prize went to Gemma Frizelle, who impressed the judges and was awarded the most improved gymnast.

In the elite section, experienced competitor Megan McIntyre placed fifth overall, which is an excellent result in such an experienced field.

Barry YMCA also entered the group category, in which four gymnasts perform together showing synchronisation and collaboration.

The youngest group (Freya Evans, Daisy Connolly, Elen Williams and Lowri McIntyre), performed a free dance and were presented with a special award for best presentation.

The older girls had to work with apparatus, exchanging ropes with each other by throwing or passing. The club entered two groups into the same category.

Group one (Freya and Daisy, assisted Seren Cummings and Joanna Hourihan) placed third and group two (Rebekah Wets, Chelsea George, Abbie Williams and Leah Jenkins) were placed fourth.

The club also entered the team competition, pre-selecting eight gymnasts whose final scores would count as the team score. The team, made up of Chloe, Daisy, Ffion, Freya, Gemma, Joanna, Megan and Seren were placed fifth overall.

Following on from this, 17 novice gymnasts progressed to the inter area championships at Llanelli. The club had the largest entry of gymnasts across the novice competition, as well as two gymnasts in the intermediate level.

The youngest competitor – Elen Williams in the under-7 category, performed a beautiful free dance with very high difficulty for such a young competitor and placed second.

The under-9 had two entries from Barry at the intermediate level, with Welsh preparation squad members Daisy Connolly and Freya Evans contending. The teammates were thrilled to share the podium on both the free and ball events, placing joint third in each piece.

In the under-10 novice, five Barry girls competed in the free and rope categories and shared the podium in both events! In the free dance, Leah Jenkins and Rebekah West placed first overall with Eve Hopkins and Varnah Williams second and Chelsea George third.

On to rope, where Rebekah gained her second gold medal, followed by Eve and Chelsea in second and Leah and Varnah third.

In the under-11 section, Abbie Williams and Seren Cummings performed beautiful free and rope routines with Seren first and Abbie second overall.

The under-12 section again put the Barry gymnasts firmly on the podium. Continuing with the free and rope routines, Chloe Johns picked up the gold medal in her free, with Tayla Gerrish receiving the gold in rope. Chloe placed second in rope with Tayla third in free, Shanay Jenkins second free, second rope, Gemma Frizelle second free, third rope, Ffion Kerslake third in both routines.

Experienced Elle Gwatkin competed as a junior in hoop and rope and stood third on the podium in both pieces, and Cody Byrne placed first on both hoop and ball in the senior section.

One week later and the girls competed in the Welsh Novice and Intermediate Championships. The Barry YMCA coaches were ecstatic with the outstanding results which saw the club becoming Welsh champions in the under-12 novice (Ffion Kerslake), recreational – under-12 (Chloe Johns), junior (Ffion Byrne) and senior (Cody Byrne).

In the under-12, Shanay Jenkins was second, Tayla Gerrish third, Seren Cummings fourth, Abbie Williams fifth and Gemma Frizelle sixth overall. In the junior section, Elle Gwatkin placed third overall.

Another week passed and Megan McIntyre travelled to Walsall for the British Individual Apparatus competition. Megan competed in the Espoire category as an under-11 against girls age 10-13 years, all at British standards. Megan performed some very well executed routines and placed midway within the group of 40 competitors. She will now prepare for her flexibility testing on October 31, hoping to qualify for the British Championships in 2011.

All of the results are fantastic and show how the club is building in strength and numbers, and credit must be paid to coaches Fay Benningwood, Emma Thompson, Karen Johns and Rhianedd Dancey, who have worked tirelessly in the build up to the recent events.

Fay would also like to acknowledge the support of the newly-established parent committee, who have helped in numerous ways. The parents committee will be hosting a Christmas table top sale on November 20 from 9.30am-1.30pm in Barry YMCA, with all funds raised going to the Rhythmic Gymnastics Club. **FB**

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Geoff's big win

Geoff Smith.

FOR the final fixture of their inaugural season, the Blacksmiths Golf Society visited the historic and picturesque Wenvoe castle golf club.

The society welcomed new member Len Ellis, who almost scooped the nearest the pin award but John Campbell was nine inches to the good.

Roy Whitehouse played his usual steady game, as did Steve Jenkins and Richard Kelly, while longest drive (by far) went to Chris Willey.

Runner-up in the stableford competition went to Bill Aspinall, but winner on the day was Wenvoe member Geoff Smith, who stepped straight off the plane from Portugal sporting his new hairstyle, inspired by Ian Poulter, and recorded 33 points.

The society are to hold a presentation evening when the main award will be the Mike Sollis shield, named in honour of the Llanmaes and Blacksmiths stalwart who sadly passed away earlier this year and is missed by all. **CG**

Groundsman is in line for a top award

IN line for an IOG Industry Award is Anthony Harry from Pencoed College (a volunteer at the Liberty Stadium) who is a finalist for the young groundsman of the year award (sponsored by Harrod UK).

Dan Duffy and Dean Gilasbey, head groundsmen respectively at the Liberty Stadium, and Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli, are finalists in the groundsman's groundsman of the year award (sponsored by DLF Trifolium/Johnsons).

Parc y Scarlets is also a finalist in the spectator sports ground of the year category (sponsored by the All England Lawn Tennis Club, the England and Wales Cricket Board, Sport England, The Football Association, the Lawn Tennis Association, the Premier League, the Rugby Football League and Rugby Football Union).

In addition, Pentyrch Sports Club, Cardiff is a finalist in the volunteer sports grounds management team of the year category.

Organised by the Institute of Groundsman, the annual IOG Industry Awards embrace 17 categories covering sport, young people and the environment.

The winners will be announced at the SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff on Thursday, November 25 by talkSPORT Radio presenters Mark Saggers and Micky Quinn.

BARRY HUSKIES BASKETBALL NEWS

Huskies press the defending champions to their upper limit

THE Huskies continued their league season against defending champions Swansea Storm at Barry Leisure Centre, the Storm coming off their first defeat in almost two years in their last game.

This game was another tough match up against the old Cardiff Celts English National League side of two years ago – a side boasting two Welsh international players and a semi professional American.

The Huskies took an early six-point lead and held it for the entire first quarter with some excellent defensive play against the much bigger Storm side, aided by some equally impressive offensive play, notably from Lloyd Roberts and Stuart Peters, who were aggressive both driving to the hoop and with their outside shooting.

The second quarter started with the Storm taking the lead, but Roberts' scoring and the Huskies' strong defence soon turned the game back in their favour.

Chris Gibbons and young Sean Maudesley anchored the Huskies defence making it difficult for the Storm's players to gain an inside presence. The Huskies went into half-time with a two-point lead.

The third quarter started slowly but two quick fouls on Maudesley meant a change in the Huskies defensive formation, which gave the Storm a chance to gain a foothold inside.

They went on an 11-point scoring run, stopping the Huskies offence in the process.

A quick time out saw the Huskies gather themselves and they restarted the game focused on getting the basics right. They brought the game back to five points going into the final quarter and kept it tight, trading baskets with the Storm throughout.

With time running out, the Huskies were forced to foul their opponents in order to stop the clock, but this played into the Storms' hands as they sank easy baskets, keeping their lead. In the end, the Huskies lost 69-61.

Afterwards, assistant coach Elliott Thomas said: "Although we lost, this was a great result for us because with the quality the Storm possess, they should have beaten us convincingly. But we're not one of the best teams in the league for nothing and almost snatched the win. If we play like this for the rest of the season we won't lose that many games."

For further Huskies information visit www.barryhuskies.net

Straight hitting Bryan clinches the top prize

Winners and sponsors Dan Jarvis, Bryan Owen, David Harris, captain Gino Cocco, Julian Kelly, Tim Jarvis, Jim Hayes and Neil McLean.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, held at the St Pierre Golf Club near Chepstow, attracted 48 competitors – all attempting to win one of the many quality prizes supplied by generous sponsors Julian Kelly and David Harris of the NFU Mutual Insurance.

With the course in excellent condition and graced by a blaze of autumnal colours from the magnificent trees overlooking this internationally famous course, competitors arrived at the first tee in eager anticipation.

Wayward tee shots were likely to be punished by having to play either around or over trees that define the layout of each hole. In addition, several holes include water features which also proved an obstacle many failed to overcome.

Bryan Owen benefited once again for being straight off the tee by returning the best score of the members' section to win the NFU Mutual Trophy with 32 stableford points, with Raymond Thomas finishing second with 30.

David Williams, with 29, finished third and Aubrey Bowen finished fourth on 28.

The guest section was also keenly contested with Dan Jarvis (29), Mark Rees (30) and Gareth Perkins (32) all finishing behind Jim Hayes, who scored 33.

Neil McLean, in addition to winning the 'James Hog Roasts' sponsored longest drive competition, was also nearest the pin on one of the par three holes, as were Brian Jones and Dai John.

Unfortunately, no-one hit the green on the intimidating 236-yard par three final hole, although captain Gino Cocco acclaimed a lifetime ambition when clearing the daunting water feature with his tee shot while, on the same hole, Martin David was unlucky to see his tee shot come to rest in the privet hedge behind the green.

Ray Simkiss made a welcome trip to the presentation table when correctly guessing 55 balls would spend the night in another county to collect the 'Premier Turf' sponsored bottle of whisky, resulting in £130 being raised for the Stroke Association.

NFU team competition

THE NFU Mutual Challenge team competition, based on the best two scores for the first six holes, followed with the best three scores for the next six holes, and finally all four scores counting on the last six holes, also proved entertaining.

The winners in this section with 95 points were Julian Kelly, Tim and Dan Jarvis and Neil McLean. In second place with 90, were Keith James, Aubrey Bowen, Chris Rooney and Jim Hayes. In third place with 89, were Clive Edwards, Bryan Owen, Keith Davies and Gwyn Thomas.

Members are now looking forward to the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 25 to be played on The Lakes course at the Vale Golf & Country Club, sponsored by Herbert R Thomas Ltd of Cowbridge. **TMcC**

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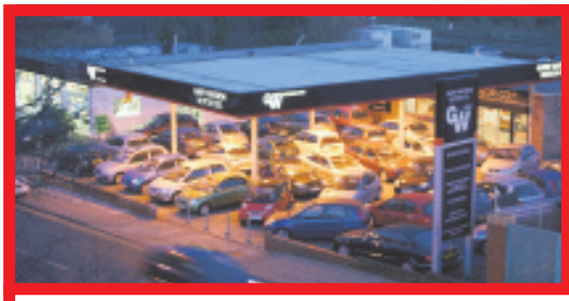

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South Wales Police Firsts need to get 'back on track'

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SOUTH Wales Police RFC will look back on this game, as in previous matches, and realise that poor decision making, missed tackles, and chances not taken surely cost them this league match.

On paper, it looked an even match between similar teams. However, the Cwmgrach forwards were far bigger and it needed solid defence work from Karl Davies, Calum Rogers, Matt Cunningham, Lloyd Roderick and Craig Davies to keep them at bay.

The home side started to secure more ball and put the Police under constant pressure, and it was only a matter of time before the tries came.

Unfortunately, they came very quickly with the home side going 20-3 up at the interval. The Police's solitary points came from Craig Davies.

The Police rallied to try to get back into the game with solid breaks from Craig Davies, Karl Davies, Calum Rogers and Lloyd Roderick.

However, as in previous games, poor passing and dropped passes stopped the Police from getting points on the board, and the home side increased their lead with a penalty.

The Police introduced powerful running No 8 Gareth Bishop, bouncing off would-be tacklers and gaining good ground into the home side's half. This led to the ball ending up with scrum-half Matt Pound to force his way over.

Unfortunately, this game was beyond the Police and they will look at all the things they need to put right while the autumn internationals are on, and they must get things back on track.

Solid for the Police were Mieron Lewis, Vernon Dladla, Karl Davies and Calum Rogers.

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ABOVE: Craig Davies on the attack.

Karl Davies on the attack.

Lloyd Roderick put in some strong running.

LLANTWIT MAJOR JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Under-16s triumph in 'seven-goal thriller'

by GWYN JOHN

THE best performance on Saturday came from the under-13 side, who won 5–0 at Cadoxton Imps to retain their unbeaten record this season.

Richard Stephens made a welcome return to the side after injury and celebrated by scoring twice.

It was a good team display and Llantwit's other marksmen were Will Perkins, Ashford Thomas and Gabriel Oram.

Both under-12 teams were without managers.

The under-14 A team entertained Penarth Town in a close encounter which ended with the visitors snatching a 1–0 victory.

The Llantwit side were disappointed that two goals were waved away after it was claimed that the ball had crossed the visitors' goal line.

Team coach, Neil Sutch, claimed there was a need for goalline technology – even at Windmill Lane!

Meanwhile, at Barry Island, the under-14 B side were involved in an eight-goal thriller, losing 5–3 against Dockers FC.

It was a dramatic fightback by the Llantwit lads who found themselves trailing 4–0 after 30 minutes.

Josh Bradfield pulled a goal back just before the interval and after the break, Llantwit made a real fight of it with George Thompson notching another two before Dockers clinched the points with a fifth goal.

Josh Steventon scored four goals for the under-15 A in their 8–0 home win over Cowbridge Town.

The visitors were no match for the Major who added further goals through Ed Howley (two), Geraint Jones and Ciaran Webb.

The under-15 B side visited Sully Sports 'B' and gave away sloppy goals and were tactically outplayed in a 4–1 defeat.

Chris Blatchford scored Llantwit's consolation goal.

The under-16 team are back on the winning trail after a couple of poor performances. On Saturday, they were involved in a seven goal thriller against Barry Eagles at Windmill Lane.

Goals from Jamie Livingstone, Jamie Griffiths, George Brown and Dafydd James Isaac saw Llantwit through to a 4–3 victory.

Warriors in control

THE Cowbridge under-13 Warriors took on a weakened Park Lions side at Corntown, with Jo Treharne leading the goal hunting spree, finding the back of the net eight times, once when he took the ball from the restart and dribbled the length of the pitch.

Rian Thomas, Dan Oddy, Nathan Robson and Aled Evans repelled many of the Lions' attacks, with Eugene Richards and Joseph Davies playing great wide roles.

Jac Hamilton, Cai Owen and Owain Llion created many counterattacks from deep in midfield, with Cory Brooks and Leon Gorman showing huge commitment.

Amos Booth was an ever-present shining light, and with goalie Jac Davies also getting his name on the score sheet, this was a performance for all the lads to enjoy.

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PHONEY WAR OR NOT, WALES MUST TAKE THE CHANCE TO MAKE A POINT

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

SO IT BEGINS…the long and winding road that starts with the four autumn internationals in Cardiff and leads to Rugby World Cup 2011, in the far distant land of the long white cloud.

First test for Wales against the southern hemisphere giants on Saturday, sees Australia return to the Millennium Stadium – where less than a year ago they brought a confident Welsh side crashing down to earth with an emphatic 33-12 victory – their 18th in 29 meetings between the two nations.

Wales have won 10 with one match drawn since that inaugural tour day on December 12, 1908, when the first Wallaby tourists (who bizarrely won the rugby gold medal in the London Olympics that year against the only other entrants, Cornwall – representing Great Britain!) were edged out 9-6 in Cardiff.

The intervening years have seen Australia emerge as one of the acknowledged top three super powers of world rugby, while Wales slipped off the global pedestal into two decades of relative decline, before finally beginning a slow renaissance, ironically under a succession of southern hemisphere coaches.

While nine Australian wins in a row between 1991-2003 clearly emphasised the wide gap that had opened up between the two sides, Wales have nevertheless proved capable of confounding the form book on some notable occasions – such as the World Cup third place play-off in 1987 and in the two Grand Slam years, 2005 and 2008.

These rare triumphs, plus the Wallabies' current team-restructuring as they build towards the next World Cup under their Kiwi coach, Robbie Deans, have made them appear a little more vulnerable recently (particularly up front); and will have fanned familiar Welsh expectations for Saturday's last encounter before they meet again Down Under.

However, Australia's four defence-splitting tries in their stunning 26-24 victory over New Zealand last weekend will be a sobering reminder to the Welsh camp, not least their own Kiwi head coach, Warren Gatland, not to expect a less than taxing opening to their confrontation with the southern hemisphere's big three!

How Gatland and defence coach Shaun Edwards marshal their forces to meet a potent attacking threat that tore the formidable All Blacks apart, will be a key pointer, not only to the outcome of the match itself, but also in assessing the overall success of the four-match autumn series in terms of Welsh World Cup planning.

The revised composition of the injury-hit team, due to be announced today (Thursday) may give an indication of the tactics to be employed.

Will Wales enter into a muscular arm wrestle up front, aiming to keep possession and expose a supposed forward frailty – in that overworked jargon so beloved of TV pundits, '*going through the phases*'?

Or will the plan be to opt for quick ball from the outset, relying on Welsh attacking strengths, speed of hand and foot, to open up an arguably less than solid defence that leaked three tries against the All Blacks?

Wales now have robustly-competitive forwards eminently capable of supplying good, controlled ball from both the set-piece and loose – but all then depends on a rapid transfer at half back to give talented three quarters those vital extra seconds they need to take advantage.

If pace rather than raw power is to be key to the Welsh game plan, the ability of the scrum half to whip the ball out to the backline with the minimum of delay, in an instant reflex action (*a la* the great Gareth Edwards or Robert Jones) is paramount.

Thus much may depend on Mike Phillips, should he, as expected, be handed this crucial responsibility.

Some argue that Welsh performance in this autumn campaign is more important than the result – and maybe so if viewed as the 'phoney war' before the real battle is joined in the Rugby World Cup.

However, this should be weighed against the psychological boost to Welsh squad morale of a priceless victory, particularly against southern hemisphere opponents who will be first up in New Zealand next year.

It is a chance to make a point and what better way to mark the 30th international encounter between the Dragon and the Wallaby?

Barry Town under-10s will stay warm in winter!

BARRY Town under-10s plan to stay warm, thanks to Barry Tyre & Auto Centre, who sponsored their wet weather kit.

The team have made a promising start to the new season and are sure they will make good use of the kit throughout the winter!

Nick, Carl and Dave, the coaches, thank sponsors Stuart Kirke (pictured) and Paul Goodwin of Barry Tyre & Auto Centre.

Visitors leapfrog Dinas Powys after away win

THIS result means Dinas slip back down to fourth place in Welsh League Division Two with the visitors taking their second spot.

Welsh League Division Two

DINAS POWYS	**0**
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The scoreline does not flatter Cwmaman, and Dinas will have to pick themselves up quickly to get back on track.

Cwmaman were the first to show in this game with Ian Taylor having a shot deflected for a corner, but Dinas could have gone two goals up within a minute.

Steve Provis won the ball in midfield and immediately found Gareth Tedstone, who made headway before sending in an inviting cross met by Liam Jones, but his first-time effort went narrowly wide.

A minute later the roles were reversed with Jones the provider for Tedstone, but his header was also narrowly off-target.

Cwmaman showed what a strong side they were with Anthony Waters heading wide and Leighton Price shooting high.

On 25 minutes, Steve Provis's pass gave Ollie Dalton the chance to make progress on the left, and when he cut inside his defender his shot was wide of the upright.

Just before half-time Dinas were grateful to 'keeper Dave Burnett who did well to turn away Ian Taylor's shot at his near post.

The visitors had had the bulk of possession in the first-half, with Dinas creating a couple of early chances, but hoping to step up a gear in the second, they had to deal with Ian Taylor.

After 12 minutes, Cwmaman broke quickly from halfway, and Taylor beat a defender on the left edge of the box before scoring with a low shot into the far corner from 18 yards.

Two minutes later, a right wing cross was deflected to Taylor who made no mistake from 12 yards to give Cwmaman a two-goal lead.

Dinas hit back with Ollie Dalton shooting into the side netting and then providing a pin-point cross for Ricki Morgan, but his header hit the post and bounced clear.

Cwmaman made sure of all three points when Dinas lost the ball 30 yards from goal and Seb Haggett made the most of the mistake, shooting past the 'keeper from 15 yards.

Dinas sent on substitutes Kristian Diamond, for his first-team debut, and Will Penikett, but it was the visitors who went on to win comfortably.

Next week Dinas take on bottom side Llangeinor with the game being switched to The Murch. Please note the kick-off times have now changed to 2pm.

Squad: 1, David Burnett, 2, Jason Davies, 3, Ben Dimond, 4, Stephen Provis, 5, Jon Carpentier, 6, Michael Brooks, 7, Ricki Morgan, 8, Danny Street, 9, Liam Jones, 10, Gareth Tedstone, 11, Ollie Dalton. Subs: 12, Dave Pennikett, 14, Will Pennikett, 15, Carl Huntley, 16, Kristian Diamond, 17, Barry Pappin.

The next game is this Saturday against Llangeinor, kick-off 2pm.

For further news and fixtures see the club's web site: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk **MW**

FIRST TEAM OPPONENTS TEST BARRY THIRDS IN DERBY CLASH

AFTER their game against Llanishen was called off, Barry RFC's third team, the Barrians, were handed a last minute game against Old Penarthians RFC.

Player-manager Ken Chow failed a late fitness test and was only picked on the substitutes bench, which meant a first start of the season for Jeff Thomas. Christian Prosser wore the captain's armband.

From the off it was clear that the home side were well-drilled and consisted mainly of first XV players, and their backs sizzled with the ball.

The Barrians, however, put in 100 per cent effort in defence and put in some huge tackles, and competed well in the contact area.

Tries were not easy to come by for the Old Penarthians, and while they did cross the line numerous times, they had to work hard for it.

Daniel Ryan was inspired for the visitors throughout, with his probing runs in attack and huge tackles in defence, most notably holding up the home player after he had crossed for a seemingly simple score. Ryan's boot also gave the visitors their only score of the day.

While this was a setback for the Barrians after their historic victory last weekend, there was no doubt about the effort put in by the players and staff alike.

Team: Bailey; Thomas, Stavros, J. Jones, M. Jones; Evans, Ryan; Houldey, Bergeron, Brown; Tobin, Lundy; Prosser (captain), Case, Moffat. Subs used: Hellyar, Palmer, Chow, Manley. Man-of-the-match: Ryan. **KC**

Good win for the Barry Pumas

BARRY PUMAS kept their title hopes alive with a well-deserved victory against British Military Fitness.

They thought it would be a tough battle, but they soldiered through and eventually won the war.

The match was played at Caedelyn Park. The first half saw both teams have a few chances, the best falling to Pumas star striker Weekley, who managed to hit the bar of an empty goal from just six yards out.

The deadlock was broken early in the second half when Matthew Davie scored from close range to give the Barry team the lead. Weekley then went on to score two more goals for the Pumas, including one penalty.

British Military Fitness pulled a goal back, but that would prove only to be a consolation with Pumas holding tight to get all three points.

Final score: Barry Pumas FC 3, British Military Fitness 1.

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